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## AN INDIAN LEGEND BIDS FAREWELL: CHHETRI SET FOR FINAL MATCH

Sunil Chhetri, one of India's finest footballers, announced that he would be retiring after the World Cup qualifier against Kuwait on June 6

### ONLY BEHIND RONALDO AND MESSI

In terms of the most goals scored by active international footballers in the men's game, the forward is only behind Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo. While the Indian forward has scored 94 goals, Ronaldo has 128 and Messi 106

### A TOTEMIC FIGURE

Within a couple of years of making his debut against Pakistan, the forward very quickly became the heartbeat of the side before becoming skipper

### MAN FOR THE BIG MOMENTS

- Chhetri has had big moments but the first one that sort of announced his presence on the national stage was the AFC Challenge Cup final in 2008 when he scored a hat-trick in the final against Tajikistan
- That win helped India qualify for the 2011 Asian Cup, the first time India had reached the continental event since the 1980s | P13

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APPEARANCES SO FAR. HE IS INDIA'S MOST CAPPED PLAYER

## HEARING TODAY

Total turnout 66.95% so far, says poll panel

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission of India on Thursday put the cumulative turnout in the four phases of Lok Sabha elections at 66.95%. The poll panel in a statement said that the updated voter turnout in the fourth phase on May 13 was 69.16%, which was 3.65% higher than the corresponding phase in the 2019 general elections. This is the only phase where the turnout graph went up.

In the third phase, the updated turnout was 65.68%, about 3% lower than 2019's data of 68.40%. Likewise, the second phase recorded 66.71% polling as against 69.64% in the 2019 polls, down by about 3%. And the first phase turnout was 66.14% as against 69.43% in 2019, a drop of 3.3%.

As many as 45.10 crore voters out of the total 97 crore on the poll rolls in 379 seats across 23 states and Union Territories have voted in the first four phases of elections. Three more phases are due with the last day of polling on June 1.

The Supreme Court will on Friday hear a plea of the Association for Democratic Reforms, an NGO, seeking a direction to the Election Commission to upload polling station-wise voter turnout data on its website within 48 hours of conclusion of polling for each phase of the Lok Sabha elections.

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# FIR filed against Kejriwal aide Bibhav

Maliwal says she was slapped and punched, claims the CM was at home and knew about it

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

AAP parliamentarian Swati Maliwal on Thursday gave her statement to the Delhi Police over her physical assault by Bibhav Kumar, close aide of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, at the latter's residence a few days ago.

Top official sources told this newspaper that Maliwal said she was sitting at the drawing room of the CM house when Bibhav Kumar came and started abusing her without any provocation. She alleged that he slapped her, used abusive words in Hindi, and threatened to kill her.

Maliwal accused him of then hitting her on her chest, stomach and even lower part of the body. She somehow escaped from the clutches of the attacker, came out and dialled the police for help. She broke down while recording her statement. Maliwal also alleged that Kejri-



The police team at Maliwal's house and (inset) Bibhav | P11

wal was present in the house at the time of the assault and was in complete knowledge of the incident.

The police then registered an FIR against Bibhav Kumar, based on Maliwal's complaint. The FIR was registered

under sections 354 (Assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 323 (Punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 506 (Criminal intimidation) and 509 (Word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) of the Indian Penal Code at the Civil Lines police station.

On May 13, Maliwal had alerted the Delhi Police after her assault but did not file a formal complaint. However on Thursday, a two-member police team, which included a senior officer from the Special Cell and an Additional DCP-rank woman officer, went to her residence and took around four-and-a-half hours to record her statement. Later in the day, Maliwal was taken to the AIIMS for medical examination. Bibhav Kumar

has been summoned by the National Commission for Women to appear in person before it on Friday at 11 am.

Maliwal, who remained silent after the assault, finally posted on X that the last few days were very "difficult for her". She was sarcastic about those who tried to assassinate her character and accused her of doing it on the behest of some other party.

"An important election is going on in the country, Swati Maliwal is not important, the issues of the country are important. There is a special request to BJP people to not do politics on this incident," she said.

As for Kejriwal, he kept mum on the assault at a joint press conference he addressed with Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav in Lucknow.

What happened to me was very bad. I have given my statement to the police. I hope that appropriate action will be taken. The last few days have been very difficult for me — Swati Maliwal

## Ticketless traveller stabs rail staffer to death, injures three

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

A passenger travelling without a ticket stabbed a railway coach attendant to death and injured three others, including a travelling ticket examiner (TTE), on board Chalukya Express near Londa railway station in Belagavi district on Thursday evening.

After the attack, the unidentified passenger jumped off the train near Khanapur railway station and escaped.

According to a police officer, the coach attendant died on the

train. The TTE and two others were rushed to a hospital in Belagavi. They are out of danger.

Police sources said the passenger went on a stabbing spree when the TTE asked him to show his ticket. Belagavi Police Commissioner Lada Martin Marbaniang said the passenger suddenly pulled out a knife and attacked the TTE. When the coach attendant intervened, the passenger stabbed him to death. He then attacked the TTE and two others, Martin added.

The police have launched a manhunt for the assailant.

## Tongue for a finger! Doc botches up kid's surgery

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kozhikode

In a bizarre incident, a doctor at the Government Medical College Hospital in Kozhikode, Kerala, operated on the tongue of a four-year-old girl, who was brought to the hospital for a surgical procedure to remove her sixth finger.

According to the girl's family, the child was brought to the hospital on Thursday morning for the finger surgery. After an hour-long procedure in the operation theatre, the child was brought to the ward, when the parents noticed cotton stuffed

in her mouth. And her sixth finger hadn't been touched. The parents immediately flagged the error to a nurse, who allegedly mocked them. The family then escalated the matter and also lodged a police complaint.

The hospital authorities initially tried to settle the issue with the family. The doctor who led the surgery, Dr Bijon Johnson of the paediatric department, also apologised to them

and another surgery was conducted to remove the child's sixth finger.

The controversy forced Kerala health minister Veena George to order a probe by the director of medical education. The doctor was suspended, pending investigation.

After news of the botched-up surgery spread, the hospital authorities came up with an explanation, and sought to defend the doctor: "After the surgery

of the four-year-old girl, there was a procedure scheduled for a child with a tongue-tie. When the first child cried in the operation theatre, the surgeon noticed the tongue-tie in her mouth. So, he proceeded to operate on it. But we failed to communicate it to the child's relatives. However, we will investigate the complaint," said hospital's superintendent.

The family clarified that the child didn't suffer from any kind of speech impediment. Meanwhile, the Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights filed a case against hospital authorities.

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Superintendent of Government Medical College Hospital, Kozhikode

## Can Omar Abdullah 'Engineer' Baramulla?

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

HEADS turned when former Jammu and Kashmir CM chief and National Conference (NC) vice-president Omar Abdullah chose Baramulla over his comfort zone Srinagar. Omar, 53, is pitted against Peoples Conference (PC) chairman Sajad Gani Lone, who has the backing of the BJP.

Baramulla is a stronghold of the National Conference but Omar or his father Farooq Abdullah has never contested from here. The Abdullachs have always preferred Srinagar, given their party's hold in central Kashmir.

Since 1971, NC has won Baramulla nine times, the Congress twice, and the PDP once. In 2019, NC's Mohammad Akbar Lone won by over 30,000 votes, beating PC's Raja Aijaz Ali, who polled over 1 lakh votes.

The stakes are high this time as the LS poll outcome will set the tone for the Assembly polls later this year. Also, the political scenario has changed considerably since Article 370 was read down in 2019.

Both Omar and Sajad are pitching for restoration of 370. Baramulla covers four districts—Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora (north Kashmir), and Budgam (central Kashmir)—covering 18 Assembly segments. Omar enjoys support in all four districts as NC has cadre everywhere, while Sajad's support base is primarily in Kupwara.

Sajad, 57, is a militancy victim as his father Abdul Gani Lone was assassinated. He was a minister in Mehbooba Mufti's PDP-BJP coalition government on the BJP quota. After that government's fall in June 2018 and the abrogation of Article 370 a year later, Sajad's Peoples Conference emerged as a strong political force in north Kashmir with former legislators, mostly from PDP joining the party. P9



Sajad Lone (left) and Omar Abdullah

## EXPRESS READ

### City records 172 dengue cases in 13 days

Bengaluru: With the city recording 172 dengue cases between May 1 and 13, the BBMP has swung into action to contain the spread of the disease. Teams comprising primary healthcare officers and ASHA workers, among others, have been formed to prevent the disease from spreading in high-risk areas | P3

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# AIR CONCOURSE, UG PARKING AT CANTT STN

15% civil work complete, redevelopment scheduled to be complete by Oct 2025

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

TWO levels of underground parking that can house 500 cars, a novel lengthy concourse that will run above the railway tracks, separate 'Arrival' and 'Departure' zones on the lines of an airport, are among the unique features that will find place in the redevelopment of the Bengaluru Cantonment railway station.

The Construction Division of South Western Railway (SWR) is carrying out the redevelopment work at cost of Rs 480 crore. The fully redone front and back entries and the air-conditioned station building are scheduled to open by October 2025.

Chief Engineer, Construction, SWR, Ramesh Kamblitold, "For the past few months, we were busy shifting and relocating existing structures. The actual work has commenced recently, and we have completed upto 15% of the station's civil work."

Excavation work in connection with the parking lot is presently on at the station's main entry (Coles Road side). "There will be two levels of underground parking, as well as ground level parking lot for vehicles at both the entries. A total of 500 four wheelers and 500 two-wheelers can be parked in these parking lots. Utility shifting of electricity wires and water supply lines are in progress now," he said.

Another unique feature is that the entire station covering both the sides, will be fully roofed, and will present an appearance as one structure," Kamblit said.

To better utilise the prime area where the Cantonment railway station is located, 136 metre-long concourse that is at least 30 metre-wide, will also be built. "We call it as an Air Concourse, as gives an illusion of it standing in the air. This will be the first time it is being attempted in the SWR. The concourse will be above the railway track that runs along the station premises. A waiting area with amenities and an entertainment centre, will also come up in the future," he explained.

As of now, the new platforms 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E have been opened, and some DEMU/MEMU services that run to the suburban parts of the city as well as the Vande Bharat Express to Coimbatore have been shifted here.

Two new FOBs will come up, which will be accessible by lifts, escalator and stairs. "The FOBs will run as wide as 12 metres, and will be spaced along the length of the platform. The present FOB running 2 metres wide will be demolished and rebuilt," added the chief engineer.

One end of the newly built platforms will have a Foot Over Bridge that will connect it along the Bamboo Bazaar side. This is being built by the BMRC.

The BBMP FOB in front of the main entry, needs to be shifted elsewhere as it is presently obstructing the work being undertaken here, and the Construction Division has written to the BBMP Chief Engineer, Roads, to shift the FOB immediately.



Redevelopment work underway at the main entrance of the Cantonment Railway Station | EXPRESS

## No pre-paid facility, auto drivers loot pax

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

With the pre-paid auto and taxi facility at Cantonment Railway Station closed to facilitate massive redevelopment work, passengers alighting here are completely at the mercy of auto drivers.

The old cubicle near the main entry (PF-1) for pre-paid service stands partially demolished due to construction work. It's been a month since a small temporary room was built, but is yet to start operations. The back entry (PF-2) does not have pre-paid facility.

An average of 55 pairs of trains, including long-distance ones, pass through the station each day, with close to 30,000 passengers using it.

Autodriver appear to have formed a cartel, with a fixed starting rate of Rs 200 for any destination, and have done away

with the meter. A family of four from Coimbatore alighted at the station from the Lokamany Tilak Express and wanted to reach Shivajinagar, just about 1km away. The driver demanded Rs 300. Satish, a businessman, told TNIE, "We have always paid only Rs 80. We argued with him and he finally relented and agreed for Rs 150. But for our luggage, we could have walked." They tried booking an Ola cab which would cost them Rs 170, but the cab driver cancelled the ride,

and they decided to walk till the main road to hail a regular auto. Mohammed Arif, a painter, had to rush to Gowripalya urgently, and was checking the auto rates. "Everyone was demanding Rs 200. Normally, I walk to Shivajinagar and pay Rs 15 for a bus to Gowripalya. I was in real hurry and tried to get an auto, but Rs

200 is a huge amount for me," he said. Navya and her mother, who arrived by the Jolarpettai Passenger, agreed to dole out Rs 200 to go to Vinayaknagar. "The actual rate is Rs 120," Navya fretted. Many passengers, on hearing the rates, tried to hurriedly book a trip through any cab aggregator but only some were successful.

A Government Railway Police (GRP) cop said, "The pre-paid system was closed three months ago. I have been hearing for some time that a new counter will open. I am also waiting for it."

Neither Railway Protection Force nor GRP cops showed any interest in helping passengers in the face of such extortion. Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Bengaluru Division, Krishna Chaitanya told TNIE, "The pre-paid system will be ready in a week." A senior RPF official, too, said steps are being taken to start a new system soon.

### CIVIC ISSUES

## Pvt tankers use illegal borewells, allege Whitefield residents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

RESIDENTS in Whitefield have demanded the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to provide proof of granting permission to drill five borewells in the locality, after commercial tankers were seen filling water from the borewells.

The residents said that on one hand, the BWSSB claims it will not give permission to drill borewells for any construction, or commercial purpose, and on the other hand the board is encouraging private tankers to fill water from these 'unauthorised' borewells in Ambedkar Nagar, Whitefield ward. The board also failed to provide valid permission provided to these borewells in question, claimed the residents.

Sandeep Anirudhan, an activist, said that, following the



Picture of a tanker using the 'illegal' borewell, posted on X by a resident in Whitefield area | EXPRESS

evasive response from the BWSSB officials of the Mahadevapura zone, an RTI was also filed and there is no reply for the same, even after seven days.

"The site owner has drilled a borewell, and we do not know whether it is a commercial complex or for residential purpose. The BWSSB's evasive response, and not exhibiting the permission letter provided to site owner, has raised concerns about the board's commitment. The higher officials should take note of this," said Anirudhan.

### SWIMMING POOLS CAN NOW BE FILLED WITH BOREWELL WATER

The BWSSB has ordered a ban on use of borewell water for swimming pools, or any kind of recreational purpose. The ban has been relaxed after the pre-monsoon showers in the city. However, the ban on use of Cauvery water, except for drinking purposes, still holds good. The BWSSB officials said, the relaxation of ban comes with few conditions like, only rain water or borewell water should be used to fill the pool. Rainwater harvesting pits should mandatorily be built next to the tube wells in their complex. All taps must be fitted with an aerator and compulsory use of treated water for non-drinking uses (gardening and flushing) has been imposed. A fine of Rs 5,000 will be imposed as per Section 109 of the Water Board Act 1964, if Cauvery water is used in the swimming pool. A fine of Rs 5,000 plus an additional daily fine of Rs 500 will be imposed if offense is repeated.

### 'INDUSTRIES MUST SUPPORT BWSSB FOR WATER CAMPAIGN'

BWSSB Chairman V Ram Prasad Manohar has called upon industries to join hands with the board to launch the Water Surplus Campaign. Speaking at an interaction organised by FKCCI office bearers and members on Thursday, he said, "There is no shortage of drinking water in Bengaluru. Due to lack of rain, the groundwater level has decreased, and tube wells have dried up, increasing the pressure on Cauvery water. In order to deal with this adequately, and to prepare for the future, the board has taken up several measures. The situation has been adequately tackled through water saving, water reuse, use of treated water, groundwater augmentation measures. The industries in the city should also join hands in the board's campaign," said Manohar. He also lauded Peenya Industries' body for implementing Japanese technology in chemical waste water management. FKCCI felicitated the BWSSB Chairman for handling the water scarcity efficiently.

### SPEED UP FIXING POTHOLES IN CITY: TUSHAR GIRINATH

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath instructed all officials to speed up the process of closing potholes on arterial, sub-arterial and ward roads, under the BBMP jurisdiction. He said that since rain has already started in the city, zonal commissioners of all the zones under the corporation should check for potholes and fix them at the earliest. "If there are potholes on the roads during the fault free period (DLP), the concerned contractors should cover the potholes," said Girinath. He also asked officials to ensure that there is no unauthorized cutting of trees anywhere. "Out of the 198 flood affected areas in the city, appropriate measures have already been taken in 124 places without any problem. Out of the remaining 74 places, 24 places have been taken care of without any problem and in the remaining 50 places temporary arrangements are being put in place.

## NGO sets up experience zones to help navigate challenges of PwD

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ASSOCIATION of People with Disability (APD), a Bengaluru-based NGO set up experience zones across the city, to highlight the challenges faced by people with disabilities on Global Accessibility Awareness Day. These experience zones were set up at Lulu Mall, Nexus Koramangala, Ramaiah College of Law, and Wipro campuses in Kodathi and Sarjapur Road.

Through the experience zones people got a chance to explore the lives of people with disabilities such as visual impairment, speech and hearing impairment, and other disabilities. Through this activity, APD aims to create awareness towards the challenges faced by people with disabilities, and their needs.

Individuals had to engage with a screen reader, navigate an obstacle course blindfolded,



A young girl tries to use the wheelchair to experience mobility challenge at one of the experience zones | EXPRESS

and even learn to communicate using sign language. Additionally, visitors sat in wheelchairs to experience mobility challenges first-hand.

"We had seen people in wheelchairs, but never actually experienced it. As we experienced it

for the first time, I realized it's how difficult it is to navigate in the wheelchair. From a third person's view point, using a wheelchair doesn't look so hard. We understand the challenge only when we try it ourself," said a participant at the experience zone in Nexus Koramangala.

The organisation, in collaboration with the department of empowerment of differently-abled and senior citizens, Government of Karnataka, organised similar events across nine districts - Vijayapura, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Raichur, Kolar, Vijayanagar, Ramanagara, Chitradurga, and Tumakuru.

Despite existing regulations, people with disabilities are often ignored. APD's project - Yes to Access - aims to bridge this gap by starting a conversation and raising public awareness, said Prerana George, a staff member at APD.

## Mantri mall to open today; Pay tax before July 31: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court directed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to open Mantri Square, Malleshwaram, at 10 am on Friday, remove all the hurdles and allow the petitioner - M/s Abhishek Prop-build Pvt Ltd., shop-keepers, employees their free ingress and egress.

This interim order was passed after directing the petitioner company, which runs the mall, to deposit a sum of Rs 20 crore with the BBMP on or before July 31, out of which, an amount of Rs 3.50 crore must be deposited on or before June 1.

Justice Jyoti Mulimani vacation bench passed the interim order after hearing the counsels of the petitioner and mall. The mall was closed for non-payment of property tax dues

of Rs 41 crore from 2019, and hence the company moved the high court.

Before passing the interim order, the company CFO filed an affidavit before the court stating that the company undertakes to deposit a sum of Rs 20 crore before the BBMP on or before July 31, without prejudice to the contention. It was also stated in the affidavit that Rs 3.50 crore will be deposited on or before June 1.

Disputing the tax dues, senior counsel representing the mall argued that the tax was exorbitant, and closing the mall has affected the livelihood of around 2,500 workers, besides causing a loss of Rs 7 crore loss per day. The BBMP counsel argued that if the mall earns Rs 7 crore per day, and is facing that much loss each day, then paying Rs 41 crore property tax is not a huge amount for them.

### Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

17<sup>th</sup> May: I have been looking further into the theory of parallel universes lately - the idea that many other universes exist in other dimensions in the same spaces ours, containing other versions of us! Some people have always thought that this provides an explanation for ghosts or UFOs - and we have to admit, it's as good an explanation as any!

#### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

Travel and change bring variety, but you might be too concerned with family affairs to notice frivolities. With Jupiter expressing a positive interest in all areas of your life, there's bound to be an all-round improvement, especially in social situations.

#### TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

Conditions at work could be giving cause for concern, although it may be difficult to put your finger on exactly what seems to be the matter. It's the current lunar situation which is responsible for bringing more unsettled circumstances, but you'll ride out the storm.

#### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Continuing financial influences of a slightly shady nature should caution you to keep everything absolutely crystal clear and above-board. The last thing you want to do at this stage is commit yourself to hidden costs. In that case, I'd recommend you seek support from the people who matter most.

#### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

A partner may call you to account for your actions, so make sure you have a convincing story ready. Check through past promises to see that you've left nothing uncompleted. Only once all unfinished emotional business has been tidied up can you move forward with confidence.

#### LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

It's a busy day, with rapidly-moving planets spurring you on to more and more activity. Keep a watchful eye on a number of interesting investments as financial matters will be making financial demands. Once you have settled money matters, you'll be ready to set your romantic priorities.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Activities from long ago could become a source of renewed interest. However, you should be under no illusions that you can get away without paying your dues, as your financial stars are looking decidedly shaky at the moment. You can delay the inevitable, though!

#### LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Domestic disharmony may be unfortunate but can produce positive results if it forces you to face up to the underlying causes of discontent. Exactly what have you been up to make people feel the way they do? And is there anything you can do to turn the clock back? I think so!

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

The fact that you might be feeling under the weather today, reminds you that this is a useful time of year to focus on your physical health and to take whatever steps are necessary to get back into shape, including giving up all those bad habits.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

It would be foolish to pretend that everything that takes place in your personal life will be easy, or that partners will welcome your plans with open arms. Try to be tolerant of other people's changing moods. Otherwise, you will find that a partner may pull the rug from under your feet.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

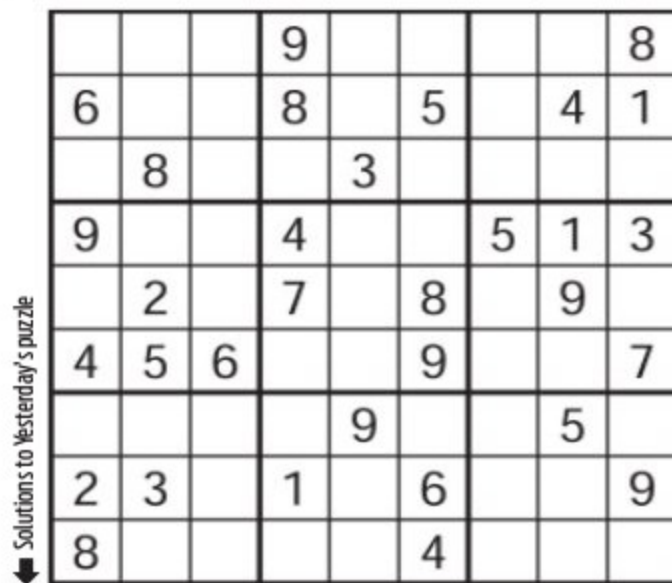
It's a confusing day to go travelling, which means that it's up to you to be crystal clear about all instructions and directions. Guard against misreading signs by sticking to the facts. And do make absolutely certain that you give partners the benefit of the doubt in return.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Try to realise that what has been agreed, recently is still private, and is not due to be made public just yet. Therefore you still have time to ask for suitable amendments before everything is signed and sealed. I think you have a right to expect partners to take your desires into account.

#### PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

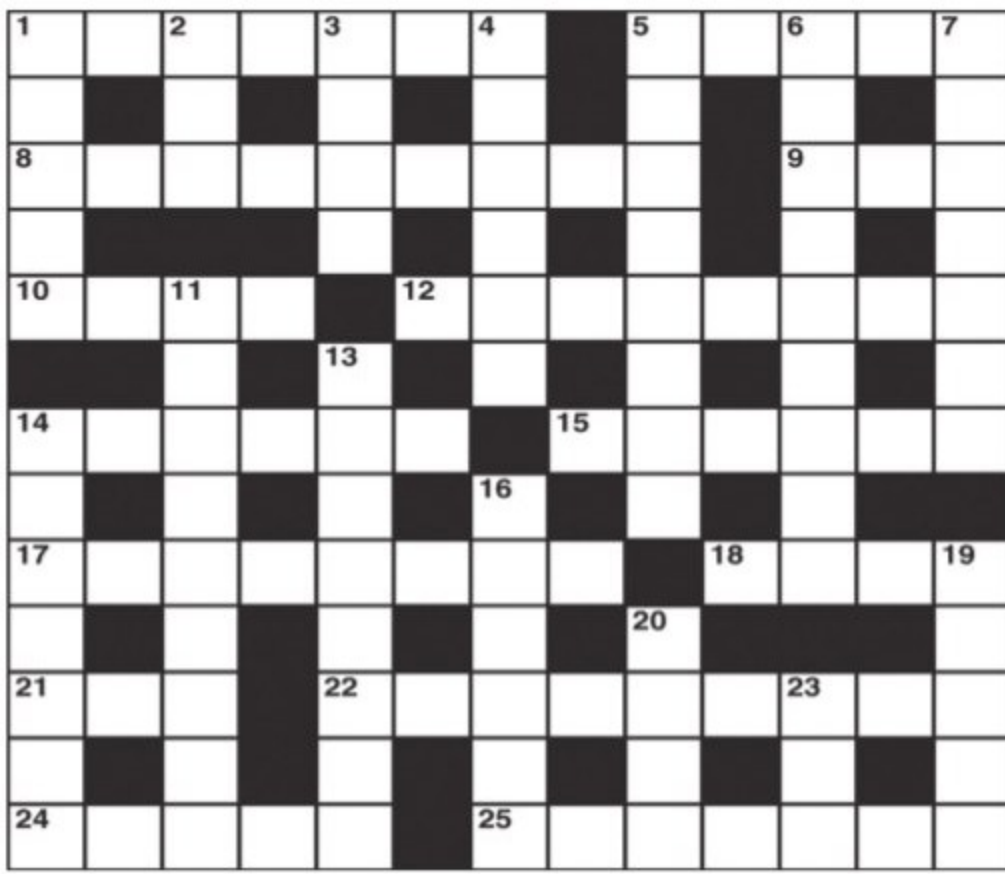
Although this is quite a busy day astrologically speaking, perhaps you'll be able to enjoy life at a slower pace than over the last few days. Don't let a financial situation get out of hand, though, especially if other people's cash is at stake.



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#### ACROSS

- It's very largely untrue (7)
- First odd results of splits (5)
- Rectal is a new composition that's down-to-earth (9)
- Reduce injury (3)
- Bibles given as an afterthought (4)
- Former clergyman outwardly devout (8)
- Bird seems quietly affectionate (6)
- Clever binary code (6)
- Being prejudiced is only right perhaps (3-5)
- American editor briefly employed (4)
- Suitable piece of clasp (3)
- Going back to living by oneself? (27)
- A hot meal (5)
- They serve but swear badly about it (7)

#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Highball, 5 Avid, 9 Inter, 10 Analogy, 11 Disintegrate, 13 Enrage, 14 Braid, 17 Letter writer, 20 Opulent, 21 Night, 22 Ebb, 23 Children.

#### DOWN

- Conflict over a document hot up (5)
- Eggs said to be surplus (3)
- It may be caused by a pin lying around (4)
- Sharp answer about a wrong (6)
- A patient is better after it (8)
- I forecast new construction of industrial buildings (9)
- Pay in full please (7)
- Outstanding piece of cinematic apparatus (9)
- One of the blessings of city life (8)
- Dull professionals I finally take into account (7)
- Wild herb we found in Israel (6)
- Fruit goes out of fashion (5)
- Some private tuition is obtained in case (4)
- Wee startled animal (3)

### JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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# 172 DENGUE CASES IN 13 DAYS, CIVIC BODY SWINGS INTO ACTION

Official flags recent rain, teams visit slums

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@Bengaluru

WITH the city recording 172 dengue cases between May 1 and 13, the BBMP has swung into action to contain the spread of the disease.

Suralkar Vikas Kishore, BBMP special commissioner (health), on Thursday attributed the spurt in dengue cases to the recent rain in the city.

Launching an awareness jatha at Ramaswamy Palya in Bengaluru's East Zone as part of National Dengue Day, he said precautionary measures have been taken to contain the spread of the disease. Fogging is on in all wards of the Palike. The jatha is being organised to raise awareness on the vector-borne disease.

"Whenever it rains, it leads to water stagnation. Because of this, breeding of mosquitoes increases. Steps such as fogging and spraying of larvicide have been taken to prevent breeding of mosquitoes in stagnated water," he said.

He said four teams have been deployed in each ward. The teams will identify water-logged areas and take up fogging and spraying of larvicide.

Dengue virus, transmitted by Aedes aegypti mosquitoes, breed in open water tanks, air coolers, flower pots, buckets and coconut shells, tyres. Awareness is being created against this among the people, Kishore said.

## DENGUE CASES FROM MAY 1 TO 13

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| Bommanahalli | 23 |
| East Zone    | 41 |
| Mahadevapura | 44 |
| RR Nagar     | 08 |
| South Zone   | 34 |
| West Zone    | 16 |
| Yelahanka    | 06 |



The special commissioner said teams comprising primary healthcare officers, ASHA workers, Namma Clinic doctors and medical officers and staff from primary health centres have been formed to prevent the disease from spreading in slums and high-risk areas.

Social media platforms and leaflets are also being used to spread awareness against dengue. Besides, announcements on loudspeakers are being made by those manning the BBMP garbage collection vehicles in all wards, he added.



## SHODDY JOB

Logs and branches of trees uprooted in the recent rain dumped along the Jayanagar T Block main road | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

# College girl found dead in her house, mother suspects murder

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A SECOND year degree student was found dead in her house with her throat and wrist slit in Subramanyapura police limits in the city on Wednesday. Police suspect that the woman, Prabhudya of Brindavan Layout, might have ended her life by slitting her throat and wrist.

Prabhudya was a BBA student. Prabhudya's mother Soumya, who returned home from office, saw her daughter lying unconscious in the bathroom. Though she was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital, the

doctors there declared her brought dead.

In her statement to police, Soumya said that her daughter was murdered by some unknown person, who entered the house through its rear door. She also alleged that the accused had escaped with her daughter's mobile phone. "My daughter spoke to me in the afternoon and said she was with her friends. After work, when I came home, my daughter was lying unconscious in the bathroom. Everyday after returning from college, my daughter used to text me saying she is home," Soumya said.

The police have recovered three notes in English from the house. In the notes, it is written "sorry amma". The notes will be sent to FSL for analysis.

Much before Soumya returned home, her son was seen knocking on the main door as it was locked from inside. The door was forcibly opened after Soumya reached home.

"The incident was reported around 7.30 pm. The body has been shifted to the mortuary of Kempegowda Hospital. We are waiting for the postmortem report to ascertain if it is a case of suicide or murder," a police officer said.

## WORLD HYPERTENSION DAY

# As online consultations surge 4-fold, experts advocate more platforms

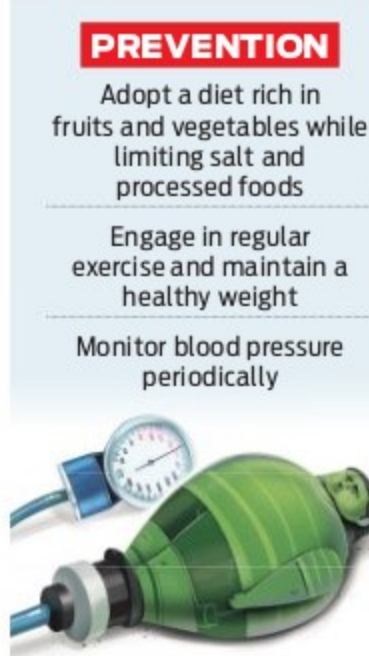
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ONLINE consultations for hypertension or high blood pressure have seen a fourfold increase from 2020 to 2023 while online searches for hypertension have increased by 69% over a year, according to a study by Practo, a digital healthcare platform.

On World Hypertension Day, which falls on Friday, experts advocated for the availability of more such platforms for on-line consultations as a means for more active testing.

Experts explained that hypertension is known as the silent killer as unlike many health conditions, hypertension usually lacks symptoms, making regular testing essential for diagnosis. Many are unaware that this can lead to serious outcomes, including heart attacks, sudden cardiac death, strokes, kidney failure and even blindness, they said.

Dr Shyam Sunder KR, Senior Consultant, Interventional Cardiology, Aster RV Hospital, stressed that symptoms of hypertension, if they appear, are often subtle or completely ab-



sent. Although extremely high blood pressure can cause symptoms like headaches, blurred vision, chest pain and nosebleeds, most people with hypertension do not experience obvious signs. However, recurrent headaches, especially those occurring in the early morning or concentrated at the lower back of the head, should prompt consideration of blood pressure

## PREVENTION

Adopt a diet rich in fruits and vegetables while limiting salt and processed foods

Engage in regular exercise and maintain a healthy weight

Monitor blood pressure periodically

monitoring, he said.

Dr Shyam pointed out that additional symptoms such as chest tightness, dizziness, imbalance while walking, breathlessness and fatigue warrant medical evaluation as they could indicate underlying hypertension.

Hypertension can also present dim or permanent loss of vision, mainly due to blood vessel abnormalities affecting the eyes, Dr Shyam said and highlighted that chest pain, often resulting from an imbalance between oxygen demand and supply or from vessel blockages, is a common symptom of hypertension and can lead to conditions like angina, chest pain that occurs when heart needs more oxygen, he added.

Dr Pavan Rasalkar, Consultant-Interventional Cardiology, Fortis Hospital, said such on-line platforms must develop easily digestible articles, infographics and video content such as short explainer clips for social media that address common questions about hypertension, its symptoms, risk factors and the importance of management.

# Gym trainer ends life after wife moves out

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A 28-year-old gym trainer died by suicide after his wife refused to live with him. He hanged himself around 7pm Wednesday in his house in Bagalagunte police limits.

Amit Kumar Sahu from Bihar had come to Bengaluru a decade ago. He fell in love with Amulya, who lived close by, and they married despite opposition from his parents. The couple was staying near Ayyappa Swamy Temple on Pipeline Road.

Amulya, who was pursuing a course in nursing, is alleged to have started neglecting her husband. She would spend most of her time on her mobile, and talking to friends. Frustrated over this, the couple started having arguments. Amulya left Amit and began staying in her parents' house in Dasarahalli, after which Amit was under severe depression. Amulya refused to return, despite him pleading with her.

On Wednesday evening, Amit went to her mother's house but did not see Am-

ulya. It is said that he then made a video call to his wife and threatened to end his life by hanging. While trying to scare her, his attempt went amiss and he accidentally killed himself. But police officers said his wife had not seen the noose, and rushed home after he threatened to kill himself. He had locked the room from inside. After the doors were broken open, he was found hanging. If he was trying to just scare her, he would not have locked the room from inside, the officers said. The body was shifted to Victoria Hospital's mortuary. Police registered a case of unnatural death.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrowers / Mortgagees in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured creditor, Yashaswini Mahila Souharda Credit Co-operative Limited, the physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor on 16.10.2023, will be Auctioned at Location of the property on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 18.06.2024 for recovery of Rs. 14,74,101/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand One Hundred and One Only) as on 08.12.2023 and further interest at contractual rate from 09.12.2023 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to Yashaswini Mahila Souharda Credit Co-operative Limited, Secured creditors from Smt Valli W/o Sri Venkatesh R and Sri Venkatesh R S/o Sri. Raju.  
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Tender No: YMSCCL/06/2024  
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Place: Bengaluru

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Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 30.12.2023 calling upon the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor 1. M/s. Ridhi Enterprises, registered office address at Beechanahalli Village, Thirumalapura Gate NH 75, Biligunda Post, Mandya, Karnataka-571418, 2. Mr.Jagadeesh M S, S/o Sri. Shivanna Gowda, residing at No.201, K V Garden, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Banagirinagar, Bangalore-560085 and 3. Mrs Shrutli Jagadeesh W/o Mr.Jagadeesh M S, residing at No.201, K V Garden, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Banagirinagar, Bangalore-560085, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.85,00,333.37 (Rupees Eighty Five Lakhs Three Hundred Thirty Three and Thirty Seven Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.  
The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May of the year 2024.  
The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bank of Baroda for an amount of Rs.85,00,333.37 (Rupees Eighty Five Lakhs Three Hundred Thirty Three and Thirty Seven Paise Only) and interest thereon at the contractual rate plus cost, charges and expenses till date of payment. The borrower's attention is invited to sub-section (8) of Section 13 in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.  
Description of the Immovable Property:  
Item-1: Belonging to Mr.Jagadeesh M S S/o of Sri. Shivanna Gowda All that piece and parcel of property bearing E-Swathu (Khata) No.152100500602120005, property No.99, situated at Thirumalapura Village, Belluru Hobli, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District totally measuring 1821.07 sqmtrs out of 6677.25 Sq. mtrs (East to West odd site, North to South odd site) and bounded on: East : Beechanahalli Border (Sy. No.42/5), West : L. Hi.2 (Sy. No. 42/5), North: Beechanahalli Border (Sy. No.42/3), South: L.Hi.2 (Sy.No.24/3)  
Item No.1: Belonging to Mrs. Shrutli Jagadeesh W/o Mr.Jagadeesh M S All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy.No.42/2, new property (khata) No.25/45A, E-Swathu (Khata) No.152100500602320010 situated at Beechanahalli village, Belluru Hobli, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District measuring 1928.65 Sq. mtrs L shape land which got marked in green colour of the affixed sketch and bounded on: East : Remaining portion of the property, West -Remaining portion of the property and in possession of BPCL petrol bunk, North -NH 75 Road, South - Remaining portion of property.  
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## 'No one is speaking of 400-plus, contest on in all states'

**W**ITH four phases of the Lok Sabha elections behind us, political analyst **Sandeep Shastri** is sensing a change as the election progresses. "What has changed is that BJP initially claimed this election is a no contest, now we see a contest in all states, it is evident," he told *TNIE's* **Bansy Kalappa**.



**Aghadi and I.N.D.I.A bloc?**

This election is a test of ground level voters, and who they legitimise as the real NCP and Uddhav Thackeray's Sena. BJP is contesting a majority of seats but if its allies are sinking, will they take BJP down with them? BJP, Uddhav's Sena and Pawar's NCP appear to be on the front foot, the others on the back foot.

**In Bihar, can the RJD-Congress alliance challenge BJP, which swept the state in 2019?**

The BJP is in a reasonably good position in Bihar but many do not say that of its other allies. There has been poor voter turnout in seats where its allies are contesting. The two forces to look out for are BJP and RJD. BJP seems to be on a reasonably safe wicket in Bihar, but not NDA.

**Rajasthan could see seats going to the Congress, which was in power here until a few months ago.**

There have been internal convulsions in the BJP. One caste group has gone against the BJP and Congress appears to have put its house in some order and fought unitedly. I will not be surprised if Congress snatches a few seats from BJP.

**Finally, Uttar Pradesh, with 80 seats. What is your understanding of trends in this giant state?**

In UP, BJP won 62 seats and its allies won two. The remaining 16 seats were shared by BSP, SP and Congress. This time, BSP seems to be struggling, SP and Congress seem to be doing well and have given more seats to non-

Yadavs. This is the first major election where Akhilesh is leading in the absence of his father. BJP would be looking for Ram Mandir to yield seats, but the state is in for a tough fight because of multiple phase polls.

**Amit Shah predicted a great showing for NDA in the South, with 10-12 seats in Telangana, 17-18 seats in AP, and expects BJP to open its account in Tamil Nadu and Kerala...**

Last time, BJP won 29 seats and AIADMK one, which means they won 30 out of about 130 seats in the South. Whether Shah is right or not will depend largely on Karnataka. In Telangana, BJP will win more than 4. In AP, BJP is contesting only 4 seats. In Tamil Nadu and Kerala, BJP's vote share is expected to go up, but will it translate into seats is a big question.

**One state Amit Shah pinned great hopes on is Bengal, where he expects 30 seats. It is the state which was uppermost in their minds when CAA was notified, and there is the Sandeshkhali factor.**

2019 saw BJP climb up, and they want to take the momentum forward. Has the TMC response to Sandeshkhali been too late? They have been unable to groom a state leader.

**BJP initially spoke of 400 plus but now no one is speaking of 'chaar sau paar'...**

Two scenarios: worst-case is remaining where they are or slipping to half-way mark, best case would be to do a little better than last time -- 370 for BJP and remaining numbers for allies. No one is speaking about 400-plus anymore.

**How have four phases of voting gone? What have been your biggest takeaways? Importantly, are you hearing that Modi is turning out to be a lesser factor?**

Each of the four phases have been different because the states are different, and states think differently. One big issue has been poor voter turnout in all four phases compared to 2019, but 2019 was a special election. In states where non-NDA parties are in power, BJP has focussed on local issues and tried to contrast their narrative with the local narrative. From the BJP's perspective, it is critical that PM Modi is the central piece of their campaign, everything revolves around Modi's persona. What has changed is that they claimed this election was a no-contest, but in all states there is a contest, that is evident as the election progresses.

**Any key states to focus on, come June 4?**

The four key states are Maharashtra, West Bengal, where BJP has been trying to increase its share, Karnataka, where BJP won 25 seats last time but this time they are contesting only 25 seats, and Uttar Pradesh, with the largest number of states.

**What is the impact of Siddaramaiah's five guarantees? There are also pen drive allegations against MP Prajwal Revanna of the JDS, which is an ally of the BJP...**



The alliance between them was for 27 seats, and the challenge will be to retain all. BJP faces three challenges: a resurgent Congress with its guarantees scheme, the embarrassment of the pen drive -- and some are keenly watching which way women will vote -- and internal discontent and rebellion in the BJP which was not seen before.

**One criticism against the BJP is poor social representation, with most MPs belonging to the majority Lingayat, Vokkaliga, Brahmin communities, or to reserved sections...**

BJP changed candidates in more than half-a-dozen constituencies, to beat anti-incumbency. This could have worked in Gujarat or elsewhere, but given the internal dynamics here, where many candidates had won assembly elections on other party tickets, changing candidates and criticism of social representation is true. For the Congress, many ministers refused to contest and instead fielded their relatives. Both parties are facing challenges.

**BS Yediyurappa has been the undisputed star for the BJP. He has been very subdued this time.**

After assembly elections, Yediyurappa's son Vijayendra was given a free hand. This is visible in the selection of candidates, and there has been a rebellion. Yediyurappa's energy and enthusiasm are not seen, perhaps age has something to do with it.

**Maharashtra too is seen as a key swing state. There is talk of a possible sympathy vote for Uddhav Thackeray's Sena and Sharad Pawar's party. Will this help Maha Vikas**

### COUNCIL SEATS GOING TO POLLS

#### Teachers' seats (Only enrolled teachers are voters)

South East (Chikkaballapur, Chitradurga, Kolar, Tumakuru and Davanagere)

| Total voters | Male   | Female |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| 23,514       | 14,679 | 8,835  |

South West (C'magaluru, Dakshina Kannada, three taluks of Davanagere, Kodagu, Shivamogga and Udupi)

| Total voters | Male  | Female |
|--------------|-------|--------|
| 19,380       | 8,943 | 10,437 |

#### South Teachers' (Ch'nagar, Hassan, Mandya and Mysuru)

| Total voters | Male   | Female |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| 18,379       | 10,355 | 8,022  |

Others - 2



Voting will happen in a preferential format, wherein voters can prefer as many candidates in the fray as they want. It is mandatory for a candidate to garner 50 per cent of the polled votes, and one extra vote, to be declared the winner. If he/she doesn't secure enough votes through the first preferential round, counting for the subsequent preferential votes will be taken up until one secures the required 50 per cent-plus-one extra vote.

#### Graduates' seats (Only enrolled graduates are voters)

North East (Ballari, Bidar, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Raichur, Vijayanagara and Yadgir)

| Total voters | Male   | Female |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| 1,50,184     | 95,104 | 55,061 |

South West (Chikkamagaluru, Dakshina Kannada, Davanagere, Kodagu, Shivamogga and Udupi)

| Total voters | Male   | Female |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| 74,218       | 38,051 | 36,162 |

#### Bengaluru Graduates (BBMP Central, North, South, Bengaluru Rural, Bengaluru Urban and Ramanagara)

| Total voters | Male   | Female |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| 1,00,100     | 48,236 | 51,852 |

Others - 12

## Council polls could see voters being lured through cash, kind

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AS is the case with general elections, it is alleged that a section of candidates in the Council polls too are likely to adopt unethical means to win the June 3 biennial contest -- to the six seats, three each of Teachers' and Graduates' constituencies, in Karnataka. In the recently concluded voting for the Lok Sabha, there were alleged instances of gifts and cash being distributed amongst sections of the electorate. This time around also, there were widespread charges against certain candidates adopting a similar strategy, as it reportedly favoured them in reaching out to relatively lesser number of the electorates eligible to vote in the Council polls. Already, a few of them, who had taken the initiative to enrol voters into the list, have allegedly organised gala parties, sources claimed.

On Thursday, a group of BJP workers claimed that they had

unearthed a godown in Anekal, where gift boxes, allegedly belonging to a Bengaluru Graduates' Council candidate, were stocked. Election Commission officials raided the godown. "This is the tip of the iceberg, as the candidates have been preparing to hand out cash to the voters," a leader said.

A teacher, who is also a political leader, and has been campaigning in the South East Teachers' seat, revealed that last time, a particular candidate had fixed a sum of Rs 5,000 per vote, and was expected to double it to Rs 10,000 this time. In certain Council seats, such as South



Teachers', the value may go up to Rs 25,000 per vote. If a candidate can reach out to even half of the electorate through illegal means and be sure of getting their first preferential votes, his work is almost done, remarked a leader. Some 20 years ago, candidates would seek votes by just sending post-cards, he recalled.

Unlike the Lok Sabha elections, there is no limit on expenditure in the Council polls and the candidates are not expected to file the same before the Election Commission of India. This may have come as a boon to certain candidates who intend to spend big in order to attain victory at all costs, observed a political analyst.

"Anything illegal, including giving freebies, is covered under corrupt practices, and we are raiding the godown where we have learnt that freebies are stocked. As for the legal expenditure on electioneering, there is no limit for candidates," clarified Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Karnataka, Manoj Kumar Meena.

### BJP complains against Cong over candidate distributing gifts

BJP leaders have filed a complaint before the Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka against Congress candidate in the Council polls, Ramoji Gowda, who is contesting from the Bangalore Graduates' Constituency, for allegedly distributing gift items amongst his voters.

## REVANNA SURRENDERS, GETS INTERIM BAIL

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**ACCUSED JDS MLA HD Revanna** on Thursday surrendered before the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) in the city, in connection with a sexual assault case registered against him along with his MP son Prajwal Revanna, in Holenarasipura Town police station.

The 42nd ACMM Preeth J (Special Court for trial of cases against sitting and former MPs/MLAs, triable by a Magistrate in the state) released him on interim bail after he executed a bond of Rs 5 lakh and two sureties of like sum.

After Revanna surrendered, his counsel moved the bail application. Strongly opposing it, Additional SPP Jayna Kothari argued that the accused should be remanded in custody since he did not appear despite issuance of two notices.

The ASPP also pointed out that this court has no jurisdiction to hear the bail application



as the offence of rape was also invoked in this case against the son of the accused, after the crime was registered in Holenarasipura Town police station, which is triable by the sessions court.

However, Revanna's counsel argued that the anticipatory bail petition filed by the accused in this case was withdrawn in the first week of the month after prosecution informed court that no non-cognisable offences were invoked against him. Therefore, opposing bail is not proper.

The ASPP countered that the

### Devaraje Gowda's police custody extended

HASSAN: The Holenarasipura JMFC Court has extended the police custody of advocate and BJP leader Devaraje Gowda by one day. He was arrested on May 11 by the Holenarasipura town police on the charge of sexual assault and allegedly circulating the contents of the pen drive containing obscene photos and videos in the alleged sex scandal involving Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna. He was remanded in judicial custody for 14 days. However, a Holenarasipura court on Monday remanded him in police custody for two days. Meanwhile, the SIT probing the sex scandal has recovered seven pen drives, six hard disks, and three desktop computers during the raids in Hassan district. According to sources, the SIT will send the seized items to the Forensic Science Laboratories for further investigation. The SIT team is also studying the CCTV camera footage to know who collected the pen drives.

accused has to be remanded in judicial custody once he surrenders before court, and he cannot seek deferment of the hearing just because he is a politician. Till completion of the hearing, custody of the accused is necessary, she argued.

Revanna's counsel argued that the accused was taken into custody by SIT in the abduction case registered with KR Nagar police in Mysuru district, and he could have been questioned about the crime registered in Holenarasipura. Even other-

wise, the ASPP has no locus standi to oppose bail since the offences invoked against the accused are triable by a magistrate, he argued.

Adjourning the hearing till Friday, the court granted interim bail to Revanna, who left court after fulfilling bail conditions.

Meanwhile, Sathish Babanna, an accused in the kidnaper case, was remanded in judicial custody till May 24, and Keerthi, another accused, was in police custody.



Members and supporters of the Hemavathi Express Link Channel Virodhi Horata Samithi stage a protest against the project in Gubbi, near Tumakuru, on Thursday | KPN

## BJP, JDS PROTEST AGAINST DKS FOR 'DIVERTING' HEMAVATHI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@ Tumakuru

THE BJP and JDS held a protest against DCM and KPCC president D K Shivakumar, opposing implementation of the Express Canal on the Hemavathi river, in Gubbi taluk on Thursday. Former minister Sogadu Shivanna, Tumakuru Rural MLA B Suresh Gowda and MLA GB Jyothiganesh, all from the BJP, Turuvekere JDS MLA MT Krishnappa, a posse of religious heads of the district and thousands of farmers laid siege to D Rampura village.

They alleged that Shivakumar, as Water Resource Minister, had managed to get the project sanctioned to divert Tumakuru district's share of Hemavathi water

from Goruru reservoir in Hassan district to Bengaluru Rural and Ramanagara. His younger brother DK Suresh is the Bengaluru Rural MP.

The project, estimated to cost around Rs 1,000 crore, was commissioned during the Congress-JDS government in 2018, and work started when the Congress came to power in 2023. The plan is to draw 0.75mct of water to Magadi for the Srirangam Hemavathi lift irrigation project. Opposing the Express canal, the protesters symbolically threw a fistful of mud into

the canal where work is in progress, and warned that the protest would intensify if the project was not stopped. Pro-Kannada activists also took part in the protest, which went off peacefully.

Sogadu Shivanna told reporters that the protest was an apolitical one, and he had also invited Congress leaders to safeguard the interest of the district. "The district was allocated 24.5mct of water from Goruru reservoir but was not getting adequate quantity of water as yet. But Shivakumar is stealing from our district's share," he alleged.



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Sogadu Shivanna, former minister

## I.N.D.I.A bloc will form govt with absolute majority: Muniyappa

V VELAYUDHAM @ Kolar

SENIOR Congress leader, KH Muniyappa, who is also a minister in the Karnataka cabinet, said on Thursday that the I.N.D.I.A bloc will form the government at the Centre with an absolute majority. He spoke to *TNIE* over the phone after campaigning for former AICC president Rahul Gandhi in Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh.

Muniyappa, a former Union Minister, said the Congress is getting good support from voters in the country. "It is time for the BJP to rest. People have decided to support the Congress and its I.N.D.I.A bloc partners. Even West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has openly supported I.N.D.I.A bloc," Muniyappa said. He also claimed that Rahul would win Rae Bareilly with a good majority. "Rae Bareilly is a Congress bastion. Rahul's mother and former Congress president, Sonia Gandhi, had developed Rae Bareilly as a model

constituency during her tenure as the MP," he elaborated. Muniyappa also said that when he was the Union Minister of State for Railways, a railway coach factory was sanctioned for Rae Bareilly, which is now employing hundreds of people.

Muniyappa said the NDA government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has failed to work for the welfare of the poor, the farmers, the needy, and the downtrodden. "Once I.N.D.I.A comes to power, we will work for the upliftment of the economically weaker section, farmers, and the downtrodden," he said.

Muniyappa also claimed that after the first four phases of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, the BJP and its allies in the NDA are fearing defeat, whereas the Congress and its I.N.D.I.A partners are seeing a good response from voters. The Congress will implement all the guarantees promised in the manifesto, he added.



Minister KH Muniyappa greets senior Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in Rae Bareilly on Thursday



BIHAR

## Lalu's word of caution on BJP's 'hidden agenda'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

FOUR days ahead of the fifth phase of Lok Sabha polls, RJD chief on Thursday accused the BJP of having a hidden agenda to change the Constitution and abolish reservation.

In an appeal through his social media platforms, Lalu alleged that the BJP wants to enslave people mentally by bringing a new Constitution.

"Be alert and cautious! BJP is hell-bent upon ending your reservation, democracy and the Constitution of the country," Lalu claimed. "If the

Constitution does not remain, then democracy will also not remain in the country. You will not remain equal citizens of the country. You

will not remain citizens who have rights, constitutional protection and remedies. You will remain just slaves of a few people," he cautioned.

"If there is Constitution, then there is reservation and if there is reservation, then there is protection from inequality, oppression and tyranny. There is a sense of equality and remedy," he said.

Lalu alleged that the nature of BJP's politics shows that the party is against equality. "These people want to increase inequality in society by abolishing the Constitution and reservation....," he said.

# Uddhav faces tough test in old Maha bastion

Former CM is looking to consolidate his Marathi manooos vote bank

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE biggest test in the fifth and final phase in Maharashtra on May 20 is of Uddhav Thackeray. The results would tell which Sena is real — Uddhav's or CM Eknath Shinde's.

Voting is due in 13 constituencies Dhule, Dindori, Nashik, Kalyan, Palghar, Bhiwandi, Thane, Mumbai North, Mumbai North-West, Mumbai North-East, Mumbai North-Central, Mumbai South-Central, Mumbai South. As many as 264 candidates from different parties are in the fray. There are 2,46,69,544 voters (male: 31,38,526, female: 1,15,28,278 and third gender: 2,740).

In Mumbai, of the six seats, the BJP and Shiv Sena represent three each. The BJP has struggled to retain Dhule, Dindori, Kalyan, Palghar, Bhiwandi and three from Mumbai.

The fifth phase is the real test of Uddhav's leadership because a majority of the seats are located in Mumbai Metropolitan Region where Thackeray and Shinde are vying to retain their base to emerge.

Shinde has a bigger challenge to retain its bastion Kalyan where his son Dr Shrikant Shinde is contesting while his close aide Naresh Mhaske is contesting from Thane, Shinde's home town. Shinde



struggled to get a good candidate in Mumbai and in the end, he nominated controversial Yamini Jadhav for South Mumbai and Ravindra Waikar from Mumbai North West. Both Jadhav and Waikar are under the scanner of Central agencies and switched sides from the Uddhav camp to the Shinde-led Sena ahead of elections.

Many Shiv Sena MLAs from rural Maharashtra deserted Uddhav along with prominent party leaders, but most of the Mumbai MLAs and corporators preferred to remain with him during the political slugfest and the battle for dominance.

Uddhav is looking to consolidate his Marathi manooos vote bank along with minority votes and amid a breach in the lower caste voters of North India to prove his grip over Mumbai and its adjoining region.

The minorities, particularly

Muslims, never voted for Shiv Sena because of his Hindutva ideology. However, Uddhav after taking the reins of the state with NCP and Congress redefined his party's ideology and tilted towards an 'inclusive Hindutva' acceptable to the minorities, said an observer.

Uddhav is trying to develop a formidable 'Mamu' (Marathi-plus minority) or M2 factor against the BJP and its allies. On the other hand, to break the Marathi manooos chunk, the BJP is relying on Gujarati, Marwari, and North Indians with the help of MNS chief Raj Thackeray. They want to break the Marathi vote bank to repeat the 2014-2019 tally without Uddhav," said the observer.

He said BJP's move to take Raj help could backfire. "Most North Indians in Mumbai are pro-BJP but they do not like BJP aligning with Raj. The reason is MNS workers assaulted North Indians alleging that they were snatching jobs of Marathis and encroaching on their land. Modi and Raj are scheduled to address a joint rally on May 17 at Shivaji Park.

In Mumbai, Marathis are around 28 to 30% while Muslims and Christian are more than 18%. If Uddhav is able to get a majority of M2, then he is close to victory and is winning as many seats as he the previous Lok Sabha elections.

## 'Congress will form next govt in Odisha'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhubaneswar

CONGRESS president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday claimed his party will form the next government in Odisha.

"BJD and BJP have ruined the state and the people will not vote for them. After 24 years, Congress will again come to power in Odisha," Kharge told mediapersons here. He asserted BJP will not return to power at the Centre and said this time an I.N.D.I.A alliance government will be sworn to save democracy, protect the Constitution and ensure unity of the country. The BJP at the most will get around 200 seats, he said.

Coming down on the BJD government, the Congress chief said as per a recent International Labour Organisation (ILO) report, the rate of unemployment in Odisha is 41 per cent. "What has Naveen Patnaik done. If a man sits at one place for 24 years and does not think about his people, I do not understand how he is asking for votes with a straight face," he questioned.

Stating that the Odisha government is known for corruption because of chit-fund, mining and other scams, he said, though there is an abundance of natural



resources in the state, they are used by other states. He said BJD cannot claim to have ushered in industrialisation in the state as big plants were set up by Congress much before the party came to power.

Kharge also targeted PM Modi for not keeping his promises. "Where have promises like providing Rs 15 lakh per person, doubling of farmers' income by 2022, two crore jobs per year and other such things gone. Prices of all essential commodities, oil and LPG have increased," he said, while sarcastically twisting BJP's quote to "Modi hai to mumkin hai."

He said BJP is equally responsible for backwardness of the state as it did not help people and left everything to the chief minister. "If we want to remove the ills, we will have to change both the governments at the Centre and state," he added.

## Jagan sure of YSRC winning big in AP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

EXUDING confidence that the YSRC will win more seats than it did in 2019, party president and Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday said the entire country will look at Andhra Pradesh because of YSRC's landslide victory.

During his meeting with the representatives of Indian Political Action Committee (IPAC), he responded to Prashant Kishor's prediction that the YSRC will lose big this time and quipped, "The numbers would be far greater than what Prashant could have ever dreamt of."

In an interaction with T.NIE in March this year, ace election strategist and IPAC co-founder Prashant Kishor had predicted that the YSRC is losing. "I see this whole assumption that Jagan is too strong to be defeated has no legs. He is on a sticky wicket. He is going downhill... I have no data or first-hand experience (of the political situation in AP) but my gut is telling me that he is losing big. Not just losing... but losing big," he had said.



# TMC protests against CAA in Matua stronghold

SULAGNA SENGUPTA @ Kolkata

A DAY after 14 people were given citizenship certificates for the first time under Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), the Matua community belonging to of several TMC-backed outfits in Bongaon protested against the move.

The Matuas trace their ancestry to East Bengal, as many of them entered West Bengal after Partition and after the formation of Bangladesh. The community forms the second-largest SC population of West Bengal. It has members on either side of the Bengal border.

With the BJP claiming that



Shantanu Thakur Biswajit Das

they will provide members of the Matua community citizenship certificates, the TMC has told them not to apply for certificates under CAA. The Bongaon seat has a predominantly Matua population which will vote on May 20.

In Bongaon BJP MP Shant-

anu Thakur is pitted against TMC's Biswajit Das. This year Banerjee has fielded a BJP turncoat who switched to TMC. He was earlier MLA of Bagda constituency when he was with the BJP. Sources said the TMC has an edge over BJP as most of the people are disillusioned about the implementation of CAA. The BJP won the seat in 2019 and looks to retain it.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has visited Bongaon several times and told the people that CM Mamata Banerjee was lying and that the Matua community won't face any problem while applying for citizenship under CAA. According to Matu-

as who are TMC supporters, despite CAA's implementation two months ago, complexities surrounding the Act persist, leaving many Matuas hesitant to apply online. The Matuas voice unease over the need to provide documents.

Monisha Singh, a member of the TMC-backed All India Matua Mahasangha, community said, "Where will we get documents proving our citizenship, in Bangladesh? When our parents fled, they had nothing but the clothes they wore." The government should issue a new notification with revised rules that eliminate for the need for such documents."

## ECI SUSPENDS 2 SPS, TRANSFERS COLLECTOR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

Vijayawada: Cracking the whip against the officials for their alleged failure to contain the post-poll violence in the State, the ECI on Thursday night suspended the Superintendents of Police of Palnadu and Anantapur districts, transferred the district collector of Palnadu and SP of Tirupati district, and Anantapur districts and ordered departmental enquiry against them. The action came after Chief Secretary Dr KS Jawahar Reddy and Director General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta, who were summoned by the ECI on Wednesday, to personally explain reasons.

## Palnadu simmers, petrol bombs seized

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

TENSE situation continued to prevail in Palnadu region on Thursday. Prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC are in force to thwart any untoward incidents. Police carried out cordon and search operations at various problematic places in the district.

As violence that broke out on the polling day continued on Tuesday and Wednesday, special forces were deployed in the district to prevent clashes between TDP and YSRC cadres. Shops and business establishments were closed to prevent damage to property by

unruly mobs. Palnadu police and special forces carried out cordon and search operation at Pinelli village in Machavaram mandal. Country made bombs were found in the houses of five villagers. Addressing mediapersons, Palnadu district Superintendent of Police Bindu Madhav said 55 petrol bombs and broken glass bottles were seized from the houses of Chintapalli Pedda Saida, Chintapalli Nanne, Alabakshu, Chintapalli Jani Basaha and Thanda Pedda Nanne. Dachepalli police registered cases against them. A probe is on to find out how the quintet procured petrol bombs and other explosive materials.

## 'Stop taking pvt buses on contract'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN the wake of the flash strike by Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) e-bus drivers hired by Tata Motors, which disrupted services on May 14, the KSRTC Staff and Workers Federation have requested Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy to do away with the practice of taking private buses on Gross Cost Contract (GCC) model.

In a letter to the minister, dated May 16, the forum urged the government to invest in public transport. For now, it wanted the BMTC to pay the private company only after it has released salaries to the bus drivers.

"BMTC has taken 136 buses on GCC basis. The company, which is operating the buses, is supposed to hire the drivers and pay them. However, it is learnt that the drivers have not been paid for the past two-three months. The drivers who were paid were given much less salary than what they were promised," federation president HV Ananthasubbarao wrote.



## Bankers meet to discuss Central schemes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE 165th State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) meeting co-chaired by Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner (GoK) Shalini Rajneesh, RBI Regional Director Sonali Sen Gupta, NABARD Chief General Manager T Ramesh, Canara Bank Executive Director Bhavendra Kumar, and Convenor of SLBC Karnataka, Canara Bank CGM K J Srikanth, was held at the Vidhana Soudha, on Wednesday. Addressing the committee,

Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner Shalini Rajneesh emphasised on covering all eligible population under the 'Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana' (PMJJBY) and 'Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana' (PMSBY) schemes.

In the fourth quarter of the financial year 2023-24 a CD ratio of 78.19% was achieved. Notably, as of March 31, 2024, agriculture sector, (104%), total credit (114%), and total priority sector (97%) exceeded targets.

State heads of all banks and other dignitaries attended the meeting.

## Orange, yellow alerts issued till May 19 in TN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

IN a respite from the sweltering heat, several districts including Chennai received light to moderate showers on Thursday. The India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy to very heavy rains in parts of southern and western Tamil Nadu till May 20. The maximum temperature is likely to fall gradually by 3-4°C at many places during the next few days and it will be below normal to normal in most parts. Red alert (isolated heavy to very heavy rain with extremely heavy rain) has been issued for one or two places for the ghat areas of Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Dindigul, Theni, Kanniyakumari, Tirunelveli and Tenkasi districts on May 20.

While the intermittent overnight rain that resumed in the morning brought cheer to Chennai residents, several regions of Tamil Nadu, including delta areas of Thanjavur and Tiruvavur and Sivaganga in the southern part of the state, too received moderate to heavy showers. Pattukottai (Thanjavur) received the highest of 16cm rain and Singampunari (Sivaganga) recorded 14cm and Mannargudi (Tiruvavur) 13cm during the 24-hour period that ended at 8.30am on May 16.

The Regional Meteorological Centre in Chennai on Thursday issued an orange alert (heavy to very heavy rain) for isolated places in Kanniyakumari, Tirunelveli, and Tenkasi districts till May 19. It also issued orange alert for Thoothukudi and Theni districts on Friday, Theni, Coimbatore and Nilgiris on Saturday and Sunday, and



Light to moderate rain bring respite to Chennai and neighbouring districts from intense heat | EXPRESS

## HEAVY RAIN TO LASH KERALA FROM MAY 18

T'Puram: The pre-monsoon showers, which brought a much-needed relief to the people grappling with the scorching summer, are likely to intensify over the next few days. The India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy rainfall -- ranging from 7cm to more than 20 cm in a span of 24 hours -- across Kerala from May 18 to 20. The Met department has issued orange alert for Palakkad and Malappuram on May 18; Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha and Idukki on May 19, and for seven districts -- Pathanamthitta, Idukki, Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, Kottayam and Ernakulam -- on May 20. Meanwhile, a yellow alert has been issued for Pathanamthitta, Ernakulam, Idukki, Malappuram, Kozhikode and Wayanad on Friday

## LIGHT SHOWERS TO CONTINUE IN HYDERABAD

Hyderabad: On Wednesday, Telangana experienced light rains and decreased mercury levels. Light rains and thundershowers with surface winds of around 40 kmph were experienced at isolated places in the districts of Jogulamba Gadwal, Kamareddy, Mahbubnagar, Medchal-Malkajigiri, Nalgonda, Narayanpet, Nizamabad, Siddipet and Vikarabad as per IMD reports. The IMD said that a cyclonic circulation lies over east Vidarbha and surrounding regions at 0.9 km above mean sea level, and under its influence, the state will experience light to moderate rains or thundershowers with gusty winds at isolated places. A yellow alert has been issued for the same for most of the districts till May 19. As of Wednesday, the maximum temperatures remained well below 43°C degrees with the highest maximum temperature of 42.3°C in Jagtial, while the city's highest maximum temperature was 39.9°C in Kapra. The maximum temperatures are expected to further drop below 40°C in the next five days.

## Ramaiah institute hosts two-day exhibition

Bengaluru: Ramaiah Institute of Technology hosts a two-day open project exhibition and an annual flagship event - Pradarshana - to exhibit application-based projects undertaken by final year Engineering students, which was inaugurated on Thursday. About 388 projects from 13 engineering disciplines were being exhibited across 155 stalls. The event showcased students' innovative research ideas, addressing real-time engineering design problems and providing a platform for applying engineering skills acquired through various courses during their degree, including design, project work, interdisciplinary teamwork, and fabrication techniques.



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the general public that **Sri. Madhusudhana Narayanappa S/o. Narayanappa K V and Smt. Lavanya Madhusudhana W/o Madhusudhana Narayanappa**, both are residing at No.543, 7th Main, 8th cross, Coffee Board Layout, Hebbal Kempapura, Bengaluru-560024. My client intends to purchase the below scheduled immovable property from its owner **Smt. V Ambika W/o. Sri. Vijay Kumar**. If any persons having any objection or claim may send their objections with all supportive documents to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which my client would proceed to purchase the schedule property, as if there is no claim or objections.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY:** All that and piece of parcel of the immovable residential Site No.35, presently falling under the purview of BBMP, Yelahanka Sub-Division, Bengaluru, Ward No.3 bearing BBMP Khata No.6529/27/135 formed out of converted land (vide Conversion Order No.BDS.ALN.SR.NAS1/1996-97 dated 17/07/1996 passed by Spl. Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) bearing Survey No.27/1 situated at Chikkabethahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet measuring 1200 Sq. feet together along with RCC building with a built-up area of 3400 Sq.ft., on the Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor and bounded on East by: 30 feet wide Road, West by: Site No.32, North by: Site No.36, South by: Site No.34. And the objects may also approach.

Sd/- **Shivashankara A. Advocate**  
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Opp. Mahatma Tech Park, Nagawara,  
Bangalore-560045.  
Mob. No.9480401348

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client intends to purchase the below mentioned property from its present owner M/s. Transformers estates and Hospitality Services represented by Mr. Gaganesh Narayana Reddy. Anyone having any sort of claims or objections relating to the property or proposed sale may lodge the same with the undersigned within 15 days from this publication, with supporting documents, failing which the sale transaction shall be completed without any reference to such right, title, interest and claim.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of Flat No. B-305, Block B, Third Floor admeasuring 1502 sq. ft. of super built up area (1182 sq. ft. of carpet area) containing 3 bedrooms, two bath-rooms, two balconies, one open utility area, one living room, one dining room, one kitchen along with one covered and earmarked car parking space being car parking space, No.28 along with undivided proportionate share in the land comprised in new converted Survey No. 54/2 (Old Survey No. 54), new converted survey no. 55/4 (old survey no. 55/1), survey No. 59 and new converted survey no. 60/2 (old survey no. 60), amalgamated Katha SL. NO. 2974/ Sy. No. 54/255/4/59, 60/2, Municipal No. 328 measuring 36 guntas (36202 sq. ft.) formed in land bearing Survey No. 54/2, 55/4, 59 and 60/2 situated at Channasandra Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk now under the jurisdiction of BBFB along with proportionate share/ areas of passages, lobbies, stair case, lift etc., from M/s. Transformers estates and Hospitality Services represented by Mr. Gaganesh Narayana Reddy who has claimed to be the sole owner of the entirety of the property and that the entirety of the said property is free from all sorts of encumbrance and the flat is marketable.

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General public is informed that, **Sri Chandrasekar S, S/o Sri N Subramanyam**, residing at No.43, udayanagar main road, near R.R Bakery, Uday Nagar, Doornanagar, Bangalore 560 016, has lost original property documents during transit, lost document details, i.e., registered sale deed dated 09.05.1974, document No.1394/1974-75, Volume 1054 pages 180-192, in Book No.1, SRO- Bangalore South Taluk. A Complaint is lodged in Crime Branch Bangalore City Police on dated 16.05.2024. Finders may return the same within **07 (seven) days** to the above said Police Station or connect at the below address.

**Sri Gireesh Nagesh, B.Com LLB.,**  
"LEX FACTUM", Advocates and Legal Consultants,  
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**2. Co-borrower :Sri Gangaiah S/O Sanjeevappa, # No.7, Assessment No 49/1, New Katha No 257 Old No 491, Dr.Shivakumar Swamy Layout, Thotadaguddadahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560073.**  
**3. Guarantor: Nagappa C D S/O Doddaiiah, No 77.7<sup>th</sup> Cross, 3<sup>rd</sup> Main, Bank Colony, Rajeshwari Nagar, Laggere, Bangalore (SMDS)-560058**

Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Nos. 1 & 2 of you availed Housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset/s belonging to No.1 and 2 of you, has extended his personal guarantee to the said loan. An amount of **Rs.10,70,388/-** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Seventy Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Eighty Eight Only) is due from you to Can Fin Homes Ltd. as on 03.05.2024 together with future interest at the contracted rate.

**Details of the Mortgaged Asset:** Property Bearing Residential Site No 7 (Northern Portion), Assessment No 49/1, New Katha No 257, Old No 491, Thotadaguddadahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560073. Measuring East to West 40 Feet And North to South 15 Feet Totally Measuring 600 Sq Feet. Area Bounded By:- **East By** : Road, West By: Property Belongs to Srinivasa, North By: Property Belongs to Yallappa, South By: Property Belongs to Hanumakka. Registered demand notice was sent to Nos. 1 & 2 amongst you under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, but the same was returned unserved. The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrower/s as per the said Act. Hence this paper publication. As you have/ve ailed road here to the terms of the sanction, the account is classified as a Non Performing Asset on 30.04.2024 as per the NHB Guidelines. You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon from 03.05.2024 within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaid security. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Place : Bengaluru  
Date : 16.05.2024

**Authorised Officer**  
**Can Fin Homes Ltd.**

**HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE**

Corporate Office: 27 A, Developed Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600032.  
CIN: U65993MH2008PLC384221.

**POSSESSION NOTICE**

**UNDER RULE 8(2) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002**  
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd (HLF) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 26.09.2023 calling upon the Borrowers 1) Mr. Sellakannu, C, 2) Mrs. Lakshmi S & 3) Mr. Saravanakumar, who have availed loan against mortgage of property vide Loan Account Nos. KABNBN04049 & TNCPCOC00396 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being amount **Rs.1,48,52,361.00/- (Rupees One Crore Forty-Eight Lakh Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty-One Only)** as on 17.08.2023 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 15th day of May, 2024.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrowers and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited for an amount as mentioned above with interest, legal and incidental expenditure thereof till the date of payment.

**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY: SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY:** All the piece and parcel of immovable vacant property bearing No.67, formed in the converted land bearing Survey No.62/2 of Kammanahalli Village, Balaji Garden, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, coming within the purview of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Kammanahalli Ward, Begur Sub Division, Bangalore (converted for Non-Agricultural i.e., residential purposes, vide official Memorandum No.B.D/IS.ALN.SR(S)563/1996-97 dated 19.05.1997, Passed by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District and assigned Khatha No. 334/4/67, the Property measuring East to West (71+75/2) Feet and North to South 47.5 totally measuring 3,467.50 Sq. Feet, belongs together with the Multistoried residential apartment building thereon called "BALAJI RESIDENCY" the property being bounded on the East by: Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Property No.66, South by: Property No.68.

**SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY (II):** 440.25 Sq. Feet of undivided share and right in the Schedule "A" Property together with share in common area of the walls, ceiling the floor between two apartments shall belongs to the owners of such apartments equally.

**SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY (III):** All the piece and parcel of the residential apartment on the eastern side in the Third Floor of the schedule "A" Property, Balaji Residency, the apartment comprising of Hall, 3 Bedrooms, Kitchen and Toilet, having a super built up area of 1,309 Sq. feet along with one covered car parking space in the still, the apartment being provided with water, electricity and sanitary connection.

**SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY:** All the piece and parcel of the immovable property site Janjar No.778, Site No.27 as per Form No.9, No.183, Assessment Register No.778, Property No.451/27 as per Form No.10, Situated at Haragadde Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in all measuring 1200 Sq. feet bounded on the East by: Road, West by: Site No. 32, North by: Site No. 26, South by: Site No. 26.

Dated: 15.05.2024  
Place: Bangalore

**FOR HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE LTD**  
**Authorised Officer**

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068



**Whereas**  
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number          | Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.) | Name of Branch |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1.      | Shashikala Nagendra/ C.B.N Anand/ LBBNG00005738891 | All That Piece and Parcel of Site Property No. 23-2-527-158, Ward No. 23, Property Old Katha No. 3394/117, Bearing Katha No. D6/370/7909/3394/117 Site No.112, Situated at Cheeranahalli Road, Udayagiri Badavane, Mandya City (Within The Jurisdiction of Mandya Nagarasabha) Measuring East To West 9.144/18 Feet and North To South 12.192/24 Feet in Total Super Built Up Area 111.4836 Sq.mtr of R.C.C. Building Bounded on:- East By : 23-2-527-160 West By : 23-2-527-156 North By : Road 527 South By : 23-2-528, 23-2-528-207 R.C.C. House With Ground Floor Measuring 32,887662 Sq.mtrs With Mosaic Flooring and Ground Floor Measuring 68,376608 Sq.mtrs With Mosaic Floor Covering Entire Property Including R.C.C. House./ Date of Symbolic Possession on 13/05/2024 | 07.12.2023<br>Rs.<br>50,99,091.00/-                  | Bangalore      |

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: May 17, 2024  
Place: Bangalore (Mandya)

**Authorized Officer**  
**ICICI Bank Limited**

**CIRCLE SASTRA, BANGALORE**

NO. 26-27, Raheja Towers,  
M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.  
Email-id- [cs8191@pnb.co.in](mailto:cs8191@pnb.co.in)  
Phone No.-080-25808908/09.

**DEMAND NOTICE U/S 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002**

All of you the under mentioned borrowers/Guarantors/mortgagors are hereby informed that the Bank has initiated proceedings against you under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the notice under Sec.13(2) of the act sent to you by Speed Post/ Registered AD has returned undelivered. Hence all of you are hereby called upon to take the loan and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned below against each borrower/Guarantors/mortgagors with interest accruing therefrom within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Bank will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank. Please take notice that in terms of section 13(13) of the said Act, you shall not, after receipt of this notice, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured assets above referred to, without prior written consent of the Bank. You are also put on notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence. Your attention is hereby invited to provisions of sub-section 8 of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to you to redeem the secured assets.

**1. Borrowers:**

- 1.Smt Charumathi K (Borrower) W/o Narsimhacharyulu K.V,
- 2.Sri Narsimhacharyulu K.V (Co-borrower) S/o Late Venkata Charya, Both are at No. 2819, E Block, Sahakara Nagara, Bangalore 560092.
- 3.Sri R. Raghuram S (Guarantor) S/o Ramachandrappa, No. 28/1, 9th Cross, 6th Main, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003.
- 4.Sri R. Raghuram S (Guarantor), Md Of R.S. Ram Properties Pvt. Ltd, No. 121, 1st Main, 2nd Stage, Woc Road, Mahalaxmipuram, Bangalore-560086.
- 5.Smt Charumathi K (Borrower) W/o Narsimhacharyulu K.V,
- 6.Sri Narsimhacharyulu K.V (Co-borrower), Both are at Flat no. CF-03, C Block, First Floor, "RAM CHAITANYA" Residential Apartment, Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, North Taluk Bangalore.

| Branch name/ No. Ac name                                                                | Date of Notice 13(2) | NPA Date   | Facility availed                     | Sanctioned Limit | Total outstanding as on 01.05.2024 | Details of the secured Assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BO: Bangalore, Sadashiv Nagar (106200) by Smt Charumathi K And Sri Narsimhacharyulu K.V | 02.05.2024           | 01.05.2024 | Term Loan – HOUSING 106200NC00019651 | Rs.20,00,00/-    | Rs.14,70,586.50                    | Flat no. CF-03, C Block, First Floor, "RAM CHAITANYA" Residential Apartment, Khatha no. 643/216/2A Sy. No. 216/2A Super built up area 1055 sq. ft. along with undivided share in the land to an extent of 495 sq. ft. and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Railway Line, North by: Property of Smt. Sujathamma, South by: Property of Sri Munikrishnapa. Owned by: Smt K Charumathi & Sri KV Narsimhacharyulu. Hypothecation of car Maruti Swift VXI |
|                                                                                         |                      |            | Term Loan - Vehicle 106200NG00020051 | Rs. 4,75,000/-   | Rs.4,00,848.94                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                         |                      |            |                                      |                  | Rs. 18,71,435.44                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**2. Borrowers:**

- 1.M/s Sree Sai Enterprises, Prop: Mrs N Darshini,
- 2.Mrs N Darshini (proprietor),
- 3.Mr Praveen Kumar Narsupalle (Guarantor), All are at : No 2 2nd Cross 4th Cross, Link Road, madiwala Extn, Bangalore -560068.
- 4.M/s Sree Sai Enterprises , Prop : Mrs N Darshini, #Bg5, No. 50/1, III Cross, Industrial Suburb Yeshwanthpur, Near Keerthi Complex, Apmc Yard, Bangalore-560022.

| Branch name/ No. Ac name                                                              | Date of Notice 13(2) | NPA Date   | Facility availed                                                                         | Sanctioned Limit | Total outstanding as on 17.04.2024 | Details of the secured Assets                                                                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BO: Bangalore-koramangala (111810) by Mrs N Darshini (prop: M/s Sree Sai Enterprises) | 02.05.2024           | 17.04.2024 | Term Loan Egl 111810EG00000026 Cash Credit 11184015002223 WCTL Under GECL 11187121000167 | Rs.70,000/-      | Rs.67,734.56                       | Hypothecation of Stocks, debtors, advances and all other current assets created out of Bank Finance. |
|                                                                                       |                      |            |                                                                                          | Rs.8,00,000/-    | Rs.7,59,984.18                     |                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                       |                      |            |                                                                                          | Rs.1,59,000/-    | Rs.27,077.07                       |                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                       |                      |            |                                                                                          |                  | Rs.8,54,795.81                     |                                                                                                      |

**3. Borrowers:**

- 1.M/s Ramya Tyres, No. 10 Main Road Jeevan Bhima Nagar, Opp Bmtc Bus Stop, Bangalore-560075.
2. Mr. K S Satheesan S/o Anand K, No.7 Opp Jeevan Bhima Nagar Water Tank, Jeevan Bhima Nagar Main Road, Bangalore-560075.

| Branch name/ No. Ac name                                               | Date of Notice 13(2) | NPA Date  | Facility availed                                  | Sanctioned Limit | Total outstanding as on 31.12.2023 | Details of the secured Assets                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BO: Bangalore-HAL VIMANAPURA (473000) by Mr. K S SATHEESAN S/O ANAND K | 05.04.2024           | 2.05.2022 | CC(OTH) 4730008700000058 (TLGCL) 473000IB00000083 | Rs.7,00,000/-    | Rs 8,68,358.02                     | Hypothecation of stocks of consisting of all kinds of Tubes, Tyres and other Materials required for Vulcanising and Retreading, Raw materials in, Stock in process, Finished goods, Stores & Spares and receivables financed by the Bank. |
|                                                                        |                      |           |                                                   | Rs.1,03,800/-    | Rs 1,11,047.00                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                        |                      |           |                                                   |                  | Rs 9,79,405.02                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

4. Borrowers: 1. Shri Suri Setty Gopikrishan (borrower) S/o Mr. S Venkateshwarlu, E 2, Vaibhah Residency, 4th cross, Kaggadasapura, C V Raman Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560 093. Also at : D 4 , Fourth Floor, Pradhama Homes, 6th cross, BMP Khata No.298/2-5, Kaggadasapura, C V Raman Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560 093.

| Branch name/ No. Ac name                                                                                | Date of Notice 13(2) & NPA Date | Facility availed                                                | Sanctioned Limit | Total outstanding as on 31.03.2024 | Details of the secured Assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| BO: New Thippasandra, Bangalore (098510) Shri Suri Setty Gopikrishan(Borrower) s/o Mr. S Venkateshwarlu | 29.04.2024<br>30.11.2020        | TL(Housing Loan) 09856010000730 TL(Housing Loan) 09856040000720 | Rs.10,00,000/-   | Rs 9,02,735.86                     | All that part and parcel of residential Flat No.D 4 , in the Fourth floor in the residential apartment known as "Pradhama Homes" measuring 2070sq.ft super built up area together with 664sq.ft of undivided share together with ear -marked car parking space in the ground floor constructed in all property being sites bearing No.25,24 and 23, presently Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No.298/2-25 measuring East to West on the Northern side 122 feet and on the southern side 118 feet and North to South 60 feet. in all measuring 7200 sq. feet situated at 6th Cross, Kaggadasapura, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on the East by : PWD Road, West by : Site No.22, North by : Property belonging to Sri Eerappa; South by : Road. |
|                                                                                                         |                                 |                                                                 | Rs.5,00,000/-    | Rs 4,54,539.86                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                         |                                 |                                                                 |                  | Rs 13,57,275.72                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

Place : Bangalore  
Date : 16.05.2024

**FOR PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK**  
**CHIEF MANAGER**  
**E Shivakumari**  
**Sd/- AUTHORIZED OFFICER**

**JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK**

(A scheduled commercial bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, I/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGI Business Park, Challaighatta, Bangalore-560071.

**DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.**

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower/s, Co-Borrower/s, Guarantor/s and Mortgagors have availed loans from Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as Non-performing Asset, whereas Jana Small Finance Bank Limited being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand notice calling upon the Borrower/s Co-Borrower/s Guarantor/s Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within 60 days from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

| Sr. No. | Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor                                                                                                    | Loan Account No. & Loan Amount                                  | Details of the Security to be enforced                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Date of NPA & Demand Notice date                       | Amount Due in Rs. / as on                                                                                                          |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | 1) M/s. R R Apparels, Represented by Mr. Raja R, 2) Mr. Raja R, Prop. of M/s. R R Apparels, Represented by Mr. Raja R, 3) Mrs. B Sonu, W/o. Mr. Raja R | Loan Account No. 301986500011751<br>Loan Amount: Rs.15,00,000/- | Mortgaged Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of Property Site No.60, Assessment Old No.38, New No.51, Situating at Kadaranahalli Village, New Madanayakanahalli Village Panchayat, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and Measuring East to West: 40 Feet, North to South: 30 Feet, Total Measuring 1200 Sq. feet and Bounded by: East by: Site No.51, West by: Road, North by: Site No.59, South by: Site No.61. | Date of NPA: 04-05-2019 Demand Notice Date: 15-05-2024 | Rs.24,49,118.67 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighteen And Sixty Seven Paise Only) due as on 13-05-2024 |

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within 60 days of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No.6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to Jana Small Finance Bank Limited against the Borrower/s Co-Borrower/s Guarantor/s Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 17.05.2024, Place: Bangalore



**The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking**  
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

**TENDER NOTICE**

**E-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.**

1) 78606 - Biennial requirement for 11 KV 415V, 630 KVA and 1000 KVA ONAN Type, (2) 78641 - Outsourcing of maintenance activities related to oil filtration of Distribution transformers for three years

**Re – invited e-tender**

(3) 78497

**Note:** For more details, log on to website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

**PRO/AAM(M)/19/2024** **GENERAL MANAGER**

**KARNATAKA GRAMIN BANK**  
(A Scheduled Bank Established by Government of India: Sponsored by Canara Bank)

Regional Office, Bengaluru, R & L Section  
Ph: 080-23186095, 23217079; Email: roblrw@kgbk.in  
No.19-191, 2nd floor, South End Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004

**DEMAND NOTICE**  
(SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT-2002)  
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREIN AFTER CALLED THE ACT)

At the request, Bank has extended credit facility to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned Branch as under. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/ documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of the title deeds Simple mortgage are also furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular, the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice dated as mentioned below sent by register post. AD calling upon you, was unserved / not acknowledged. Hence this paper notification.

**YELAHANKA BRANCH : S/LNo. 1) Name & Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor:**  
1. Sri Praveen Jain s/o Changanal Jain, R/lat #134, 3rd Cross, Nethaji Road, Kammanahally Main Road, Bangalore-560084. **Property Address:** Flat No.102, 1st Floor, R S Residency Apartment, 3rd Cross, Ayappa Temple Road, Aravindnagar, Kacharkanahalli, Kasaba (H), Bangalore North (Tq), Bangalore-84. **Guarantor:** 2. Sri Kishore Jain S/o Changanal Jain, R/lat #33, Marappa Building, Oil Mill Road, Aravind Nagar, Yadava Layout, Kacharkanahalli, Bangalore-84.

**Liability:** Rs.12,55,332 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Three Hundred & Thirty Two Only) as on 06.05.2024 and interest from 07.05.2024.

**NPA Date:** 06.05.2024 **Demand Notice Date:** 08.05.2024

**Details of Secured Property:** Property is held in the name Sri Praveen Jain S/o Changanal Jain, Property having Flat No.102, 1st floor, R S Residency Apartment, Constructed in Property No.29, PID No.89-190-2/5, New Municipal No.2/5, Property Measuring, Super built up area 1030 Sq Ft with undivided Share of land measuring 290 Sq Ft along with one covered car Parking, 3rd Cross, Ayappa Temple Road, Aravindnagar, Kacharkanahalli, Kasaba (H), Bangalore North (Tq), Bangalore. **Boundaries:** **Apartment Boundaries:** East: 25 Ft Road, West: Site No.21, North: 20 Ft Road, South: Site No.17. **Flat Boundaries:** East: Flat No.101, West: Staircase area/Lift Area, North: Entrance corridor, South: Open to Sky.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 2 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

**Date : 16.05.2024** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**  
**Place : Bangalore** **Karnataka Gramin Bank**

**HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE**  
Corporate Office: 27 A, Developed Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600032.  
CIN: U65933MH2008PLC384221.

**POSSESSION NOTICE**

**UNDER RULE 8(2) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd (HLF) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 19.09.2023 calling upon the Borrowers 1) M/S. FI Design & Development Private Limited, 2) Mr. Yohesh Srinivasan 3) Mrs. Kasturi Yohesh & 4) Ms. Samritha Yohesh, who have availed loan against mortgage of property vide Loan Account KABNBNO4227 (KABNBNO3676) & TPCNCO0005231 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being amount Rs. 7,98,49,094/- (Rupees Seven Crores Ninety-Eight Lakhs Forty-Nine Thousand and Ninety-Four Only) as on 08.09.2023 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers have failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 15th day of May, 2024.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrowers and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited for an amount as mentioned above with interest, legal and incidental expenditure thereon till the date of payment.

**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY: Item No.1:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No F-1 & F-2, in the first floor in the commercial Building known as 'Favourite Plaza', having built up area 3714.4Sq.Ft., along with 22.74% of undivided share, formed in Municipal No.15, New No.15/1 & 15/2 (PID Nos.86-63-15/1 & 86-63-15/2), situated at Madras Sappers Officers Colony also known as M.E.G Officers Colony Marutivanagar, Corporation Division formerly bearing No.49, thereafter 74 now new BBMP No.86, Bangalore-560033. Presently within the limits BBMP and bounded on East by: Private Property bearing Nos 20 & 21, Madras Sapper Officers Colony, West by Road, North by: Banaswadi Main Road, South by: Premises No.38, Madras Sapper Officers Colony Belonging to Colonel Mohan Rao.

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**Dated: 15.05.2024** **FOR HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE LTD**  
**Place: Bangalore** **Authorised Officer**

**HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE**  
Corporate Office: 27 A, Developed Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600032.  
CIN: U65933MH2008PLC384221.

**POSSESSION NOTICE**

**UNDER RULE 8(2) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd (HLF) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 19.09.2023 calling upon the Borrowers 1) M/S. FI Design & Development Private Limited, 2) Mr. Yohesh Srinivasan 3) Mrs. Kasturi Yohesh & 4) Ms. Samritha Yohesh, who have availed loan against mortgage of property vide Loan Account KABNBNO4227 (KABNBNO3676) & TPCNCO0005231 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being amount Rs. 7,98,49,094/- (Rupees Seven Crores Ninety-Eight Lakhs Forty-Nine Thousand and Ninety-Four Only) as on 08.09.2023 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers have failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 15th day of May, 2024.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

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**Place: Bangalore** **Authorised Officer**

**ESTD:1907 THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED**

**Administrative Office: # 3, PAMPAMAHAKAVI ROAD, CHAMARAJAPET, BANGALORE – 18.**  
**Ph. : 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066, Tele Fax : (080) 26617980**

**DEMAND NOTICE**

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT').**

At their request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned branches. The relevant particulars of the property on which they have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon them, was unserved/ not acknowledged / addressee left / this publication is now issued.

**1) Name and Address of the Borrower :-** Sri P. Dhanraj S/o Late B. Perumal, No.47, Binny Layout, Markandeshwara Nagar, Bengaluru-23.  
All that piece and parcel of property bearing :- New Municipal Corporation No.28, Old No.47, Site No.8, Sy. No. 32/1A, Shivapura Guttahalli, 1st Main Road, Markandeshwara Nagar, BBMP Ward No. 31, Binnypet, PID No. 31-41-28, Bengaluru.  
Measuring :- East to West: 15 feet & North to South: 30 feet  
East by: Road, West by: Remaining property in the same sy. Number, North by: Road, South by: Site No. 10  
Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 7,40,000/-, 6,80,000/- & 10,00,000/-  
A/C No :- LTL-002351, LTL-002525, LTL-003192 & LTL :- 3373  
Loan issued Date :- 17.01.2013, 23.11.2013, 04.05.2018 & 24.12.2019  
Out Standing Loan Amount :- Rs. 17,15,751/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred & Fifty One Only), As on 03.05.2024, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.

**Date of NPA :- 03.04.2024** **Demand Notice dtd:- 06.05.2024** **Branch:- CHAMARAJPET WEST**

**2) Name and Address of the Borrower :-** Smt. Narendra. P. K S/o Late. Kannappa, No. 39, 11th Cross, Lakshmi Narayanapuram, Srirampuram, Bengaluru-21.  
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- New Municipal No. 49/4-1, Old No. 49/4, (Western Portion), situated at 1st Main Road, Hanumanthapur, Srirampuram, BBMP Ward No. 26 of Sevashrama & New Ward No. 95 of Subhashnagar, PID No. 26-34-49/4-1, Bengaluru.  
Measuring :- East to West: 15 feet & North to South: 30 feet  
East by: Portion of same no property belongs to D. Murali, West by: Lane Galli Road, North by: Property belongs to Smt. D. M. Rukmanamma, South by: Property belongs to S. Krishnamurthy.  
Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 14,85,000/-  
A/C No :- LTH: 100416  
Loan issued Date :- 12.12.2022  
Out Standing Loan Amount :- Rs. 13,84,220/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Two Hundred & Twenty Only), As on 08.05.2024, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.

**Date of NPA :- 11.04.2024** **Demand Notice dtd:- 09.05.2024** **Branch:- CHAMARAJPET WEST**

**3) Name and Address of the Borrower :-** Sri. Syed Akbar S/o Late. Syed Ghouse, No. 15, 12th Cross, Padarayanaapur, Bengaluru-26.  
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- New Municipal No. 15, Old No. 15, 12th Cross Road, Padarayanaapur, Division No. 33, BBMP Ward No. 43 of Padarayanaapur, PID No. 43-135-15, Bengaluru.  
Measuring :- East to West: 60 feet & North to South: 30 feet  
East by: Main Road, West by: Conservancy Galli, North by: Road, South by: Property No. 02  
Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 20,00,000/-, 16,84,000/- & 20,00,000/-  
A/C No :- LTL EMI :- 129, 305, 308  
Loan issued Date :- 03.03.2017, 31.05.2023 & 19.07.2023  
Out Standing Loan Amount :- Rs. 55,14,654/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred & Fifty Four Only), As on 03.05.2024, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.

**Date of NPA :- 18.04.2024** **Demand Notice dtd:- 03.05.2024** **Branch:- CHAMARAJPET WEST**

**4) Name and Address of the Borrower :-** Sri. Syed Silghathulla S/o Late. Syed Ahmed, No. 31/1, 1st Main, 4th Cross Road, Valmikinagar, Bengaluru-26.  
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- New No. 31/1, Old No. 30, (East Portion), 4th Cross, Valmikinagar, Mysore Road, Chamarajpet, Presently Coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 45, Ward No. 140 of Chamarajpet, PID No. 45-21-31/1, Bengaluru.  
Measuring :- East to West: 15 feet & North to South: 33 feet  
East by: Property of Syed Yusuf, West by: Property measuring 15 X 30 feet allotted to Syed Amjad Pasha, North by: Conservancy 3rd Cross, South by: Property of Shakeela Nawaz @ Shanthi, now private property  
Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 5,55,000/-, 4,00,000/- & 15,00,000/-  
A/C No :- LTL :- 1969, 3097 & 3505  
Loan issued Date :- 25.01.2011, 20.04.2017 & 03.07.2021  
Out Standing Loan Amount :- Rs. 14,19,913/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred & Thirteen Only), As on 03.05.2024, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.

**Date of NPA :- 02.04.2024** **Demand Notice dtd:- 03.05.2024** **Branch:- CHAMARAJPET WEST**

**5) Name and Address of the Borrower :-** Sri. C. Ravichandran S/o Sri. M. Chandrashekar, No. 10, 3rd Cross, Gowtham Nagar, Srirampuram, Bengaluru-21.  
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- No. 12/18, 1st Main, Kaappa Block, BBMP Ward No. 25 of Ramchandrapur, PID No. 25-4-12/18, Bengaluru.  
Measuring :- East to West: 15 feet & North to South: 50 feet  
East by: Drainage & Burial Ground, West by: The property Municipal No. 12/179 belongs to M. Arjunan, North by: Property belongs to M. Shankaravulu, South by: Road & Drainage  
Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 32,50,000/-  
A/C No :- LTH EMI :- 03,  
Loan issued Date :- 06.06.2016  
Out Standing Loan Amount :- Rs. 35,14,779/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Nine Only), As on 03.05.2024, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.

**Date of NPA :- 05.04.2024** **Demand Notice dtd:- 03.05.2024** **Branch:- CHAMARAJPET WEST**

**6) Name and Address of the Borrower :-** Smt. Asmath Unnisa W/o Late. Ammer Jan, No. 11/10, 11th E Cross, Padarayanaapur, Bengaluru-26.  
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing :- No. 11/10-1, 11th E Cross West of Padarayanaapur, BBMP Ward No. 43 of Padarayanaapur, PID No. 43-75-11/10-1, Bengaluru.  
Measuring :- East to West: towards Northern Side, 29 feet, Southern Side: 32.6 feet & North to South: 23 feet  
East by: 5 X 22.6 feet Common Passage, thereafter property belongs to Mohammed Inayathulla, West by: Mori, North by: 6.5 X 34 feet Common Passage, thereafter property belongs to Sajid Unnisa, South by: Road.  
Nature of Facility: Long Term Loan of Rs. 20,00,000/-  
A/C No :- LTL EMI :- 201,  
Loan issued Date :- 16.03.2018  
Out Standing Loan Amount :- Rs. 17,34,047/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand & Forty Seven Only), As on 07.05.2024, plus future interest at the contract rate on the aforesaid amount together with incident expenses, cost, charges etc.

**Date of NPA :- 15.04.2024** **Demand Notice dtd:- 08.05.2024** **Branch:- CHAMARAJPET WEST**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client has entered into certain transactions in connection with the immovable property morefully described in the schedule here to and hereinafter referred as schedule property of MR K. Kishoreappa S/o Kanchappa (Agastimnahanalli). Notice is hereby given to general public that if any person or financial institutions claiming any charge, lien, right, title agreement, interest or share, claim on the schedule property or objection to such sale in favour of our clients, should lodge his/her/their objection or claim with supporting documents with the undersigned within 15 days of the issuance of this public notice, failing which, our clients will proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims or objections with regard to the purchase of the schedule property and no claim will be entertained thereafter.

## SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Piece and Parcel of Parcel of Land bearing Sy No-31 (Old Sy No.5/20) Measuring to an Extent of 4 Acre 23 Guntas situated at Agastimnahanalli Village Kasaba Hobli Anekal Taluk Bangalore District and Bounded as

Eastby: Property presently owned by Steel House company and previously property belonging to Mr. Gopalreddy

Westby: Property of Mr. Papiah

Northby: Government Road

Southby: Property of Mr. Karakalaghatta Giriappa

Sri P Mahesh & Vinod Kumar, Advocate No.60, ASHIRVAD, 2nd Cross, Royal Gardenia Layout, Bommasandra, Bangalore-99.

Moblie: 944804138, 9036990352

Place: Bangalore Date: 17-05-2024

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client propose to purchase the Schedule Property from Mr. Ravindranath D a m o d a r a m , S / o . M r . L a t e M r . C . G . Damodaram, aged about 68 years, resident of No.510, 4th Block, 1st Stage, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560043.

Any person or persons having any claims/objections for the said transactions may lodge their claims/objections with documentary evidence within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, thereafter, my client shall proceed to complete the transaction and any claim/s received thereafter will not be entertained.

## &lt; SCHEDULE PROPERTY-

All that piece and parcel of VACANT SITE BEARING NO.518, CMC Byatarayanapura Khatha No.1445, Situated at 1st Stage, 4th Block, Hennur - Bellary Road, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 80 Feet and North to South : 50 Feet, in all measuring 4000 Sq.Ft. and bounded on the:

East by : Road,

West by : Property No.513B,

North by : Property No.517,

South by : Property No.518A.

SAJIKUMAR .K.B & KRISHNAPRASAD .R, Advocates

No.4, 1st Floor, 80 Feet Road, 2nd Cross, Chairman Layout, HBRB 1st Block, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560 043.

Mob No. 8792770700 / 9980201811

**ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ Canara Bank**  
(A Government of India Undertaking)

**Basaveshwara Road Branch - No.4/2, SBT Complex, Basaveshwara (Millers) Road, Bangalore-560052.**  
**Ph No : 080-22289234/2259826, Email : cb10448@canarabank.com**

## DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice issued under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To, Borrower : 1) Sri Hariprasad Thaneeru S/o Narasimhan, Flat No 107, 1st Floor, 'Sunita Residency', Amblipura Residential area, Sarjapura Main Road, Bengaluru 562125.

Also at : No.28/1, 25th Cross, 25th Main, 2nd Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru 560034.

2) Sri Mohan Sai Chittajallu S/o Nageshwar Rao

100/42, Sri Sai Nilayam, 13th Main, Nagendra Block, BSK 3RD Stage, Bengaluru 560026.

That you, Sri Hariprasad Thaneeru (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower"), Sri Mohan Sai Chittajallu (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor") has availed Credit Facility against which there are outstanding liabilities as mentioned below. We had called upon you to clear the entire liabilities for the loans borrowed from our Basaveshwara Road Branch.

You have committed default in repayment of loans as mentioned below and the loans were classified as Non Performing Assets on 30.04.2024

The Bank through this notice brings to your attention that you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in hereunder to the Bank within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. The notice under Sec.13(2) of the Act sent to you by Post. Ack. Due on 06.05.2024 was not acknowledged by you.

Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the bank in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of Rs. 13,14,881.99 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty One and Paise Ninety Nine only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act. The Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13. You are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets detailed below in terms of Section 13(13).

**Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

The borrowers have failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 15th day of May, 2024.

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**Dated: 15.05.2024** **FOR HINDUJA LEYLAND FINANCE LTD**  
**Place: Bangalore** **Authorised Officer**

**Date : 16.05.2024** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**  
**Place : Bangalore** **Karnataka Gramin Bank**

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— Ramnath Goenka

## PRIORITISE STRATEGIC INTEREST AND HOLD GROUND ON CHABAHAR

INDIA'S pact with Iran and Afghanistan to facilitate transit of passengers and goods through the Chabahar port in Iran has triggered a threat of US sanctions against India. A US state department spokesperson said the countries doing business with Iran were opening themselves to the risk of sanctions. The warning came despite the fact that the Trump administration had exempted the Chabahar port's operations from sanctions in 2018. India's external affairs minister S Jaishankar rightly pointed out that the pact benefits not only the three contracting parties, but serves a much wider strategic purpose. He said India will communicate with and convince others on how the project benefits everyone. India, Iran and Afghanistan have been working on the Chabahar port since 2003, when the three countries signed a memorandum.

India needs to stand its ground on the pact, as it offers significant strategic advantages by providing a new trade route to western and central Asia and beyond via Iran and Afghanistan, bypassing Pakistan and countering China's plan to develop Pakistan's Gwadar port as a major regional hub. The worsening relations between India and Pakistan have seen projects such as the Iran-Pakistan-India and Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India gas pipelines go into cold storage. Pakistan has obstructed India's trade with central Asia using its land routes. It is, therefore, imperative that India develops an alternative trade route to the energy-rich central Asia by going around, notwithstanding the US warning.

India has shown strategic independence in its foreign policy. It had disregarded US sanctions on Russia and imported huge amounts of Russian oil, so much so that Russia surpassed Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran to become India's largest crude supplier. India also continues to import arms and ammunition from Russia while the US sanctions are in place. It has been boldly pursuing its interests. It knows well that the US would not take any step that would push India into a corner and force it to work with greater intensity towards realising the BRICS goals of developing a common currency and easing trade among the five partners of the formation—Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. India's Chabahar decision is a calculated move to counter China and register its presence in western and central Asia. It should stick to it.

## ANDHRA PARTIES SHOULD DOUSE FIRES THEY LIT

THE post-poll violence in Andhra Pradesh appears to have caught the police off-guard. Though security arrangements were made keeping in view the highly inflammable political environment, the fact that violence erupted in several places not only on polling day but also continued the next day points at a clear failure. Thus far, at least 300 people have been detained and dozens arrested in connection with the ugly incidents that unfolded in the Palnadu region, Tirupati, Tadipatri and other places.

The confrontation between activists of the opposition TDP and the ruling YSRC was waiting to happen. We have earlier highlighted how leaders from both the sides have been using provocative language and warned it could lead to fights. Take the series of incidents in Palnadu. It is well-known that the region has a history of factional feuds. With warring leaders fighting for political power, the elections served as a flash-point. It is obvious the factions were well-prepared, going by how they fought pitched battles with Molotov cocktails. The police unearthed knives, petrol bombs and country-made bombs in Macherla mandal, indicating that everything was pre-planned. The assault on the TDP candidate in Tirupati also does not look like a spur-of-the-moment act. Fortunately, no one has died. One wonders how mobs could gain control of areas in the presence of police personnel.

The Election Commission of India has rightly taken a serious view of the incidents and summoned the state chief secretary and the DGP to personally explain the situation. After hearing their versions, it suspended the SPs of Palnadu and Anantapur, and transferred the district collector of Palnadu and the SP of Tirupati. Besides ordering departmental enquires, it directed that a special investigation team probe the violence and submit a report. On the state's request, the panel further instructed the home ministry to retain 25 Central Armed Police Force companies in the state for a fortnight after the counting of votes.

It is a welcome intervention. Political parties, on their part, need to appeal to their followers to exercise restraint. It is tragic that they have not yet come forward to actively douse the fires, and instead seem busy pointing fingers at each other. Stringent action must be taken against the perpetrators, not just the officials, and an example be made of them.

### QUICK TAKE

#### IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS PANEL

THE UN-affiliated Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions has deferred the accreditation of India's National Human Rights Commission for the second year on the trot. The global body's previous report had cited the lack of transparency in appointing NHRC members, the appointment of police officers to oversee human rights probes, and the lack of gender and minority representation on the panel as reasons for recommending the deferral. The NHRC, a statutory body, has been enfeebled by successive administrations. But it is essential in a developing, diverse country like ours. It must be beyond reproach and given the muscle to pursue rights cases unfettered.

MILITARY diplomacy has been an integral part of a country's overall diplomacy for around 170 years—since Britain sent a general to its embassy in Paris in 1856. He was later attached to the French army's higher command during the Crimean War of 1853-56 and other military campaigns.

In recent times, a military or defence attaché, also called a defence advisor, has become a permanent feature at embassies in most countries. The position is always held by a serving military officer supported by other officers, depending on bilateral relations and strategic requirements. India maintains separate Army, Navy and Air Force attachés in big countries with which it maintains defence ties. The officer and his deputies are given diplomatic status.

Primarily military diplomacy uses military assets and engagements to achieve strategic objectives in foreign policy. For a country like India, with a long military history and growing geopolitical interests, it is imperative to calibrate its military engagements and develop leverages for promoting national interest, in a rapidly evolving international multipolar global order.

The main functions of a defence attaché is to gather information, report on developments in the defence sector, liaison with the defence forces of the host country handle defence-related exchanges, coordinate defence procurement for India's armed forces, and keep track of advances in military technologies. India also provides training to military officers from many countries who attend courses at the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, the National Defence College, Delhi, and the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington. The defence attaché coordinates such training programmes.

It is said they also are a part of a country's espionage network to gather intelligence. These functions are part of the international legal framework of diplomatic relations. During the Cold War, there were instances of defence attachés being expelled by the US and the Soviet Union. There was an incident of an American military attaché who was shot and killed in East Germany. He was photographing a military installation, which led to tit-for-tat expulsions of military attachés.

Assisting the ambassador with crucial inputs on developments in his domain of work and file reports to the Ministry of Defence in Delhi are also integral parts of the defence attaché's role. The attaché also plays a crucial role in coordinating Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, whose primary actors overseas are the Navy and Air Force. The other overseas res-

India's renewed thrust on military diplomacy is significant. Given our growing geopolitical interests, it is imperative to calibrate engagements and develop leverages to promote national interest

## SAFEGUARDING INDIAN INTERESTS IN FOREIGN LANDS

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SOURAV ROY

sponsibility is deployment for the UN Peacekeeping Operations, for which deployment is from the Indian Army

India will be sending new defence attachés to Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Mozambique and Djibouti, the last a strategically located country in the Horn of Africa that overlooks the crucial maritime route through the Gulf of Aden. Djibouti also hosts China's first overseas military base. India's defence attaché will be the second one after China. With limited resources to deploy, it would be necessary to trim some defence attaché's offices in select missions and divert these posts to Africa.

India's engagement with African nations is growing. China made substantive investments under its BRI in Africa, enlarging its influence in the continent. India has cham-

pioned the cause of the Global South and ensured the entry of the African Union in the G20 at the Delhi Summit, bringing in this 55-member nation pan-African organisation as a permanent member. India's investment in Africa has reached \$98 billion and trade turnover is around \$100 billion.

Apart from African nations, Armenia in Central Asia will get a new Indian defence attaché. Armenia has emerged as an important buyer of military equipment from India. Yerevan has acquired the PINAKA multi barrel rocket launchers, anti-tank missiles, rockets and anti-drone systems from India. These acquisitions have occurred because of the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict over the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh. The Philippines has bought the Brahmos missiles from India under a \$375-million

## SUMMER OF DISCONTENT IN THE HINDI HEARTLAND

NAKUL SINGH SAWHNEY

Independent documentary filmmaker and founder of Chaldhita Abhiyaan

in response to a couple of speeches made allegedly against the community by BJP leaders. Many also accused the BJP of "keeping silent" when the caste name Gurjar was inscribed on the statue of Mihir Bhoj, who they claim was a Rajput.

While there is some disillusionment with the ruling party, the opposition INDIA bloc has not been able to win over these communities. As a result, voter enthusiasm has been minimal.



Many communities in UP are disgruntled with the BJP this time. Some Dalits and Muslims are voting tactically against the party, whereas some other communities are opting to sit it out. One shouldn't underestimate the BJP's strong cadre base among all communities

What is also evident is a simmering anger over inflation and unemployment. The anger was further fuelled when the UP Constable Recruitment and Promotion 2024 examination, for which over 48 lakh aspirants vied, was postponed after paper leaks. Repeated incidents of paper leaks under the Yogi government have increased despondency among young voters. The recently unveiled Agniveer scheme has proven to be another wet blanket.

There is another concern among Dalits and Scheduled Castes. This March 25, BJP MP Anant Kumar Hegde from Karnataka called for "rewriting" the Indian Constitution, which would not be possible without winning 400 of the 543 seats. At least three other BJP candidates have openly stated

the same intention. The videos of their statements have gone viral. So the BJP's slogan of 'Abki baar, 400 paar' is causing a growing insecurity about reservation. This includes non-Jatav SC communities, large sections of which have been voting for the BJP in the past few years.

Another factor that is proving to be a dampener is that BSP and SP couldn't tally this time. In 2019, because of the SP-BSP alliance, on many seats that didn't have a BSP candidate there was a shift of Dalit votes to the BJP. This time, there is a visible shift of some of these voters to the INDIA bloc, essentially looking to vote for the strongest candidate against the BJP.

Even Muslims are looking to consolidate in favour of the strongest candidate against the BJP. In Nagina, there is a strong consolidation of both Muslims and Dalits in favour of Chandrashekhar Azad from the Azad Samaj Party. This is because the Muslims here were looking for an alternative to the SP, owing to its silence on the community's issues.

As one moves away from west UP, it seems Akhilesh Yadav's PDA slogan—P for pichhde or backward classes, D for Dalits, and A for alpsankhyak or minorities—has rung a bell. Many voters are also calling it 'Pandit harao abhiyan' (Defeat the Brahmins campaign).

Women in rural areas are upset with the lack of allocation under the PM Awaas Yojana. Village after village, they were keen to show their abysmal living conditions. Many who got gas cylinders for the first time because of the much-touted Ujjwala Yojana are back to using clay stoves as they can't afford to refill their cylinders.

Yet, despite the growing discontent among various communities, it would be wrong to underestimate the BJP. Numerically significant castes like Brahmins and Baniyas have consolidated behind the BJP across UP. The Rajput anger doesn't seem to have much of an impact in central and eastern UP. The BJP still has a strong cadre base across castes.

As one voter in Kairana said, "The voters are silent; that could mean anything." (Views are personal)

### MAILBAG

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#### Preventive measures

Ref: Let's be prepared to face extreme weather events (May 16). The editorial has aptly pointed out the need for periodical inspection of high rise buildings and hoardings that prove deadly during nature's fury. Taking the recent death toll in Mumbai as a lesson, ruling establishments in other cities should take preventive measures. **R Sridharan, Chennai**

#### Healthy living

Ref: Can nurture trump nature on genetic risks (May 16). It is known to all that genetic factors are as responsible for early deaths as the modern lifestyle. We should try to mitigate the high genetic risk factor of shorter life expectancy with healthy living habits. **Jaydeb Das, email**

#### Invalid arrest

Ref: NewsClick editor gets bail at last (May 16). The observation of the Supreme Court, by quashing the arrest, achieved the final hope of Prabir Purkayastha. The enforcing authority knows very well that a detainee must be told the grounds for being jailed, failing which the arrest would be invalid. Yet, this happens often. The process of arrest may just be an assignment to authorities, but this is a heavy blow to the detainee until he is proven innocent. **Kaliappan Palaniswami, Salem**

#### Proudly Indian

Ref: Centre grants first set of citizenship to 14 people (May 16). It is heartening that India has lived up to the promise it took in 2019. The 14 individuals that have been granted citizenship can now proudly proclaim they are Indians. **K R Venkata Narasimhan, Madurai**

#### No support?

Ref: Will give outside support to INDIA bloc, says Mamata (May 16). Indian political history over the years has made one strongly believe that the assurance of outside support to a government by any party is as good as no support. The INDIA bloc seems to be on a shaky wicket. **S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai**

#### Growth neglected

Ref: Govts need to balance welfare with growth (May 16). With many welfare schemes, many taxpayers feel the budget is not used properly as growth seems to be neglected. It is true that every government should fulfill basic amenities of food, housing, healthcare and quality education. But it shouldn't be based on religion, caste and community for vote bank. **Jayaprakash Reddy, Nalgonda**



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Now the value of patriotism will not be limited to only 4 years. Congress will shut down Agniveer scheme.**Mayawati** @Mayawati  
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Kapil Sibal has just been elected as President of the Supreme Court Bar Association by a landslide.

Demands for statehood and 6th Schedule dominate the narrative following a string of agitations in the cold desert, which will go to polls on May 20

# NC rebel has edge in 3-way close contest in Ladakh

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

AMID the ongoing agitation over statehood and 6th Schedule status, there is a triangular contest between BJP, Congress and an independent candidate for the Lok Sabha seat in the cold desert of Ladakh that votes in the 5th phase on May 20.

Only three candidates — BJP's Tashi Gyalson, Congress' Tsering Namgyal and an independent candidate Haji Hanifa Jan, who belongs to the National Conference — are in the fray for the Ladakh seat, the largest in the country with a total area of 173,266 sq km.

A total of 1,82,571 voters, including 91,703 males and 90,867 females, are eligible to vote in the strategic Ladakh parliamentary seat, which has borders with China and Pakistan.

The Ladakh UT, which was carved out from erstwhile J&K state after the abrogation of Article 370 and its bifurcation

on August 5, 2019, comprises two districts — the Muslim-dominated Kargil and Buddhist-dominated Leh.

## Leh & Kargil unity

Of the three candidates in the fray, two of BJP and Congress are from Leh while the independent candidate Hanifa Jan is from Kargil. The Kargil district has 95,929 voters while Leh district has 88,879.

Hanifa Jan of NC is backed by Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), an amalgam of various political parties except BJP, social, student and trade groups and religious organizations of Kargil district.

The KDA along with Leh Apex Body (LAB) of Leh is jointly spearheading agitation for the 6th Schedule status and separate statehood for Ladakh UT. The 6th Schedule of the Constitution provides for the administration of certain tribal areas as autonomous enti-

ties. The NC's Kargil unit has rebelled against the party leadership and resigned en masse instead of backing Congress' Tsering Namgyal.

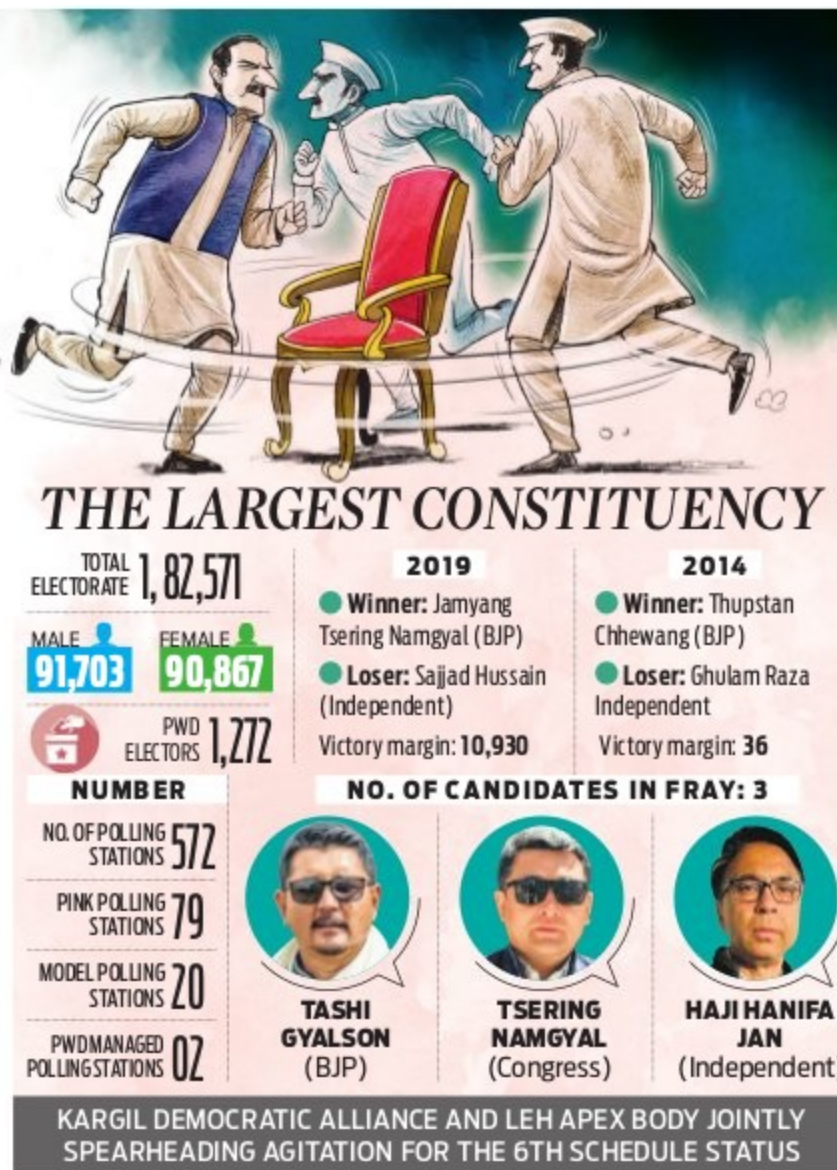
The NC leadership had asked its Kargil unit to support Namgyal as according to the seat sharing agreement between INDIA bloc parties, the NC was supposed to support Congress for the seat.

The Kargil unit of Congress is also supporting Hanifa Jan in total contravention of the party leadership's direction.

## BJP in dilemma

The election in the cold desert is taking place in the backdrop of the ongoing agitation for the 6th Schedule and statehood. The agitation and public anger forced the BJP to drop its sitting MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal and instead field Tashi Gyalson, a lawyer and a former PDP leader.

The BJP hopes to regain pub-



lic support through Gyalson and his acceptance among the Leh residents. The party, however, is caught in a dilemma over the grant of the 6th Schedule and statehood to Ladakh.

The BJP's Ladakh sitting MP had taken credit for creation of a separate Ladakh UT from erstwhile J&K state and even people in Leh district had celebrated creation of Ladakh UT. But this euphoria did not last long. Parties in Leh have joined hands with parties of Kargil district to jointly agitate for the statehood and the 6th Schedule status to Ladakh to protect land and jobs of the local population.

Even the climate activist and innovator Sonam Wangchuk, who had celebrated creation of Ladakh UT, has now joined hands with LAB and KDA to demand statehood and 6th Schedule status to Ladakh.

## Kargil holds key

Feeling the public pulse, Congress candidate Tsering and independent Hanifa Jan during poll campaigns are strongly pitching for the 6th Schedule and statehood for Ladakh.

According to political observers, Hanifa Jan has an edge over two other contestants as

he enjoys the mass support in Kargil district. "The votes in Leh will be divided between BJP and Congress candidates while in Kargil the votes may go to Hanifa Jan with less chances of division of votes," they said.

There were moves by some influential Buddhist leaders to prevent a division of votes in Leh by fielding a single candidate, but that did not happen.

In previous elections, there used to be a division of votes in Kargil due to multiple candidates and it used to prove beneficial for contestants from Leh. With less chances of a division of votes in Kargil, it is advantage Hanifa Jan in the polls. It is for the first time since 2014 that the BJP is facing a serious challenge for the seat.

An intensified campaigning, which also saw several BJP leaders reaching out to the voters, Gyalson said his primary focus would be the resumption of dialogue between the Centre and the Ladakh leadership for the resolution of "pending issues" Congress candidate Tsering Namgyal said his party has taken a historic decision to include granting the sixth Schedule to Ladakh in its manifesto.

# PoK slipped away from India temporarily, to be back soon: Jaishankar

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

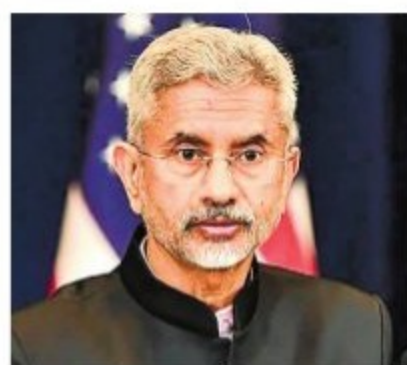
EXTERNAL Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar**, on Thursday reaffirmed his stance on Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK), stating that it is an integral part of India and will return to India.

"PoK is an integral part of India, and there is no Lakshmanrekha. It slipped from us temporarily due to someone's weakness and mistake. There is a parliamentary resolution that we will someday get back PoK," said EAM Jaishankar on Thursday in Nashik.

People in PoK are seeing the positive changes across the Line of Control and are questioning why they are suffering and accepting such mistreatment. "They are being affected by this. We would love to see where this goes," he added.

It may be recalled that since May 10, there has been unrest in Muzaffarabad, with people taking to the streets to protest against inflation and the rising cost of electricity. Pakistan is facing other problems, including issues in Balochistan and various other parts.

Meanwhile, Jaishankar also spoke about the diplomatic challenges India is facing with Canada, where the government



has given refuge to pro-Khalistani elements.

"Freedom of speech cannot be freedom to advocate violence, nor can it be freedom to support separatism and terrorism in a foreign country. They are being accommodated for their vote bank," he added.

Meanwhile in Canada, an Indian national charged in connection with the killing of a Khalistani separatist appeared before a Canadian court. The court ordered him to reappear on May 21, alongside three co-accused in this high-profile case, which has significantly strained India's relations with Canada. S. Jaishankar recently stated that by allowing political space to Khalistani separatist elements, the Canadian government is sending a message that its vote bank is "more powerful" than its rule of law.

# ED needs court permission to arrest PMLA accused: SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday said that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) cannot arrest an accused under section 19 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) after a special court has taken cognisance of the complaint against the accused.

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan said that when an accused appears before a court in pursuance of a summons, the central agency will have to apply to the court to get his custody. "If the accused appears before the special court by summons (issued by court), it cannot be treated that he is in custody," it said. "Accused who appeared before the court pursuant to the summons is not required to apply for bail, and thus twin conditions of Section 45 of PMLA are not applicable," the bench said in its ruling.

The twin conditions state that when an accused in a money laundering case applies for bail, the court has to first allow the public prosecutor to be heard and only when it is satisfied that the accused is not guilty and unlikely to commit a similar offence when released can bail be granted. The judgment was pronounced on a ques-

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Deport 17 foreigners in Assam, says SC

The Supreme Court on Thursday directed the Union of India to deport 17 foreigners languishing in a Assam detention centre, noting there is no offence registered against them. The bench noted a report submitted by the State Legal Services Authority about 17 foreigners detained in detention centre in Assam.

SC stays trial in UP conversion cases

The Supreme Court on Thursday stayed criminal proceedings before a trial court in Uttar Pradesh over five FIRs lodged against the vice-chancellor of the Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (SHUATS) and others for alleged illegal conversion of Hindus to Christianity.

tion of whether an accused in a money laundering case has to meet the stringent twin test for bail even in cases where the special court takes cognisance of the offence

Senior lawyers and legal experts welcomed the judgment. "This verdict will see in future that the agency cannot on its whims and fancies arrest an accused and it has to follow SC order in letter and spirit," said KC Kaushik, former ASG.

Former Allahabad High Court judge S R Singh said, "ED will now be much more careful in arresting any accused person in

any case." According to section 19 of PMLA, ED officers can arrest an accused if they have a "reason to believe" that the person is guilty of an offence punishable under the said Act and arrest of the accused is necessary for probe in the case.

The issue came to the SC after the Punjab and Haryana HC rejected pre-arrest bail to several accused in a money laundering case linked to an alleged land scam. The SC bench, which had on April 30 reserved its judgment in the matter, heard the arguments from petitioners, ED and other parties.



# Ad agency owner arrested from Jaipur in Mumbai billboard crash

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

THE Mumbai Police on Thursday arrested the main accused in the hoarding collapse incident, Bhavesh Bhide, from Rajasthan capital Jaipur. Fourteen people died as a giant billboard collapsed following a dust storm in the financial capital of the country three days ago. Bhide was the owner of the ad agency that illegally put up the giant billboard.

The death toll in the crash has mounted to 16 after bodies of a former GM of Mumbai airport ATC and his wife were retrieved from the wreckage, officials said.

A team of the Mumbai police's crime branch apprehended Bhide, who was on the run after the tragedy three days ago, he said. The search and rescue operation at the hoarding collapse site was called off around 10 am on Thursday, an official of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) said, hours after two more bodies were retrieved from the mangled metal wreckage.

The bodies, taken out from the debris shortly after midnight on Wednesday, were later identified as those of former general manager (GM) of Mumbai ATC Manoj Chansoria (60)



## ED gets 6-day custody of J'khand minister Alamgir Alam

The ED, in its remand note submitted to the Special PMLA court in Ranchi, said Jharkhand Rural Development Minister Alamgir Alam, who was arrested on Wednesday, used to receive 1.5% commission in tender allocations to contractors. The ED on Thursday sought a 10-day remand for questioning him. However, the court allowed only a six-day remand.

and his wife Anita (59). They were missing since Monday evening when they left for Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh from the ATC guest house in western Mumbai in a car.

The 120x120 ft billboard, which crashed during dusty winds and rains, was illegally installed and it stood on a piece of land in possession of the Government Railway Police (GRP), according to officials.

A Brihanmumbai Municipal

Corporation (BMC) official said the bodies of Chansoria and his wife were in a 'decomposed state' and taken to the nearby civic-run Rajawadi Hospital around 1 am.

On Tuesday night, Chansoria's mobile phone location was tracked to the petrol pump on which the hoarding had collapsed a day earlier. Chansoria had reportedly stopped at the petrol bunk for refuelling his car when the billboard crashed.

# Sajad gets backing from Pahari community

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BESIDES, Sajad has got the backing of Apni Party, which has clout in north Kashmir. Sajad also has got the support of some former legislators including ex-PDP patron Muzaffar Baig and the Pahari community leaders. Paharis are a linguistic minority who were granted Scheduled Tribe status in February this year.

Apart from Paharis, Sajad will be banking on the support of Shias, whose leader Imran Ansari is in his good books. "My victory is not as important as the defeat of Omar. It will mark a new dawn for Kashmir if he loses," he says.

As for Omar, he is pitching the party's Shia leader and Srinagar candidate Aga Ruhullah to counter Imran Ansari's influence on Shia voters.

However, what could tilt the scales is the entry of former MLA Engineer Rashid, who is currently in Tihar Jail following his arrest by the NIA in an alleged terror funding case. Rashid is a former member of PC and could end up cutting Sajad's votes. And that could benefit Omar.

# Notable shift: BJP opts out of co-op polls after infighting in Gujarat unit

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

THE rise in BJP's influence in Gujarat is traced to its collaboration with the state's cooperative sector. Ironically, the sector, which has historically kept Congress at bay in the state for three decades, is now challenging the party's dominance.

The BJP recently received a setback when its candidate was defeated in the election for the IFFCO director. In elections on Wednesday of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd, BJP chose not to back any candidate. Eventually, **Mohan Kundiariya**, a former two-term MP from Rajkot and now ousted from his seat, emerged victorious as a director.

This development signals a notable shift as the BJP for the first time has refrained from asserting its authority in Gujarat's cooperative sector. It hints at internal discord within the party. On Wednesday, NAFED witnessed the election of Mohan Kundiariya, former Union minister and outgoing BJP MP from Rajkot, and Jetha Bharwad, deputy speaker of the Gujarat Assembly, to its board of directors. This oc-



curred following the withdrawal of Magan Vadaviya, a member of the outgoing board, along with three other candidates from the race.

Kundiariya secured an uncontested victory on the board of directors from the solitary Gujarat seat in the constituency of Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS).

This election marks the first instance where a BJP candidate won without a mandate, a move believed to be influenced by the defeat of its candidate in IFFCO. Political analysts view this as a direct consequence of that loss. In the Nafed elections, it's speculated that had the BJP endorsed candidates with mandates, a repeat of the IFFCO results might have occurred.

An anonymous cooperative

leader affiliated with the BJP expressed discontent. "Numerous leaders are disillusioned with BJP's policy of mandating candidates. There ought to be no political intervention in co-operatives," — the leader said.

"Following the IFFCO setback, the BJP might refrain from mandating candidates in the cooperative sector. If it chooses to do so, it could encounter opposition from its ranks," said a source.

Gujarat boasts of approximately 360 cooperative societies and 268 cooperative banks under the department, and roughly 4,500 credit societies. Additionally, about 15,000 milk cooperative societies collectively involve around 3 crore individuals. The BJP currently holds a 95% stake in these cooperatives. The party's ascension to power in Gujarat has largely been facilitated through cooperation. "If internal struggles for dominance within cooperatives persist, BJP stands to suffer significant losses," said a source.

When the BJP initially assumed power, there were about 45,000 cooperatives. By 2007-08, this number rose to 62,342. Currently, it stands close to 76,000, with the Congress holding a mere 4% stake.



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

MEDIA veteran and former president of Indian Newspaper Society, **Naresh Mohan**, passed away on Thursday at the age of 82 years. President of The Indian Newspaper Society (INS), Rakesh Sharma, highlighted the invaluable contributions made by him during his tenure. Under his guidance, the Indian Newspaper Society flourished, benefiting immensely from his vision and leadership, Sharma noted.

"His passing away is an irreparable loss to the entire print media industry," said Sharma. He conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the family members and prayed to the Almighty to grant them the strength and courage to bear this irreparable loss.

In a post on X, Union minister Anurag Thakur mourned Mohan's death. "Saddened by the demise of Naresh Mohan ji, a distinguished media personality who, in his career spanning decades, held numerous posts and left an indelible impact through his works and erudition."

Mohan served as the INS president in 1990-91.

He was in the intensive care unit of a local hospital in Delhi

and suffered multi-organ failure leading to his demise. During his distinguished career, he was associated with several prominent newspapers, including Hindustan Times, The Tribune, the United News of India, among others. He was the executive president at the Hindustan Times, president of the Indian Newspaper Society and a member of the Press Council of India. He was also the member of The Tribune Trust.

Founded in 1939, INS acts as the central organisation for newspapers in India, and plays a major role in protecting and promoting freedom of the press in the country.







# Declare Gaza war as genocide, South Africa urges UN court

Israel response today; Pretoria seeks urgent order to halt war, send aid, allow media access

## THE HAGUE

SOUTH Africa accused Israel on Thursday at the top UN court of stepping up what it called a "genocide" in Gaza, urging the court to order a halt to Israel's assault on Rafah.

"South Africa had hoped, when we last appeared before this court, to halt this genocidal process to preserve Palestine and its people," Vusumzi Madonsela told the International Court of Justice (ICJ). "Instead, Israel's genocide has continued apace and has just reached a new and horrific stage," he added. South Africa was kicking off two days of hearings at the Peace Palace in The Hague, home of the ICJ, imploring judges to order a ceasefire throughout Gaza.

Israel will respond on Friday. It has previously highlighted its "unwavering" commitment to upholding international law and described South Africa's case as "wholly unfounded" and "morally repugnant".

In a ruling that made headlines around the world, the ICJ in January ordered Israel to do everything in its power to prevent genocidal acts and enable humanitarian aid to Gaza.

But the court stopped short of ordering a ceasefire and South Africa's argument is that the situation on the ground – notably the

operation in the crowded city of Rafah – requires fresh ICJ action.

The operation in Rafah is "the last step in the destruction of Gaza and its Palestinian people", argued Vaughan Lowe, a lawyer for South Africa.

"It was Rafah that brought South Africa to the court. But it is all Palestinians as a national, ethnical and racial group who need the protection from genocide that the court can order," he added.

The orders of the ICJ, which rules in disputes between states, are legally binding but it has little means to enforce them. It has ordered Russia to halt its invasion of Ukraine, to no avail.

South Africa is asking the ICJ for three emergency orders – "provisional measures" in court jargon – while it rules on the wider accusation that Israel is breaking the 1948 UN Genocide Convention.

First, it wants the court to order Israel to "immediately withdraw and cease its military offensive" in Rafah.

Second, Israel should take "all effective measures" to allow "unimpeded access" to Gaza for humanitarian aid workers, as well as journalists and investigators.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday insisted that mass evacuations there had averted a much-feared "humanitarian catastrophe".

## Aid to Gaza to flow soon as pier ready, US says

The US military finished installing a floating pier for the Gaza Strip on Thursday, with officials poised to begin ferrying badly needed humanitarian aid into the enclave besieged over seven months of intense fighting in the Israel-Hamas war. The final, overnight construction sets up a complicated delivery process more than two months after US President Joe Biden ordered it to help Palestinians facing starvation as food and other supplies fail to make it in as Israel recently seized the key Rafah border crossing in its push on that southern city on the Egyptian border. The maritime route is designed to bolster the amount of aid getting into the Gaza. AP



## Indian-American students ask Biden to hear their voices

The Biden administration should listen to the voices of the youth over the war in Gaza, two Indian-American students have said, as they came out in support of the ongoing protests on college campuses across the US over demand to divest from Israel. Student Aara Sampath said that President Joe Biden's stance on this issue would impact the voting pattern among the youth. "We will keep pushing until we are heard until more of these conversations are being had. With the upcoming election, Biden's stance on the issue is going to affect the young voter population," she said. Another student Shreya Srivastava said that the protests in college campuses across the country indicate that the mood of the nation is moving away from supporting Israel. PTI

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This is to bring to the kind notice of the General Public that, My Client **SRI R. SRINIVASAN** S/o late S.R. Ramakrishnan, Aged, about 65 years, has lost/misplaced the Original Declaration dated 25.02.2010/26.02.2010, Document No.YPR-1-02189/2009-10, pertaining to the scheduled property, and further state that My client had not created any encumbrance/charge over the schedule property, in any banks, financial institutions etc.

And My client **SRI R. SRINIVASAN** has entered into Sale Agreement with **Mr. Mohammed Nawaz A** dated 23.03.2024 and he is availing a loan in banks, etc. and if anybody having objections or claim over the said property or the Original documents can lodge their claim and objection with relevant documents with the undersigned within **Seven (7) days** from the date of this notice, failing which the claims of all such persons shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned. Further, if any person/s find the above original document Original **Declaration dated 25.02.2010/26.02.2010**, Document No.YPR-1-02189/2009-10, may be delivered to the below mentioned address.

## SCHEDULE PROPERTY

**ALL THAT PIECE, PART AND PARCEL, of the property bearing Municipal No.7, Old Site No.20 in Survey No.21 of Mathur Village having 1/8th Ghat No.03-13-7, situated at 6th Cross, Khatola 1st Stage, 3rd Phase, Bangalore, located in Ward No.37, Yeshwanthpur, Bruhat, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 46-0 Feet, North to South: 15-0 feet, totally measuring site area of 690 Sq.ft., together with the residentially constructed building thereon consisting of ground floor having 550 Sq.ft. First Floor, Second floor having 550 Sq.ft. and Third floor having 550 Sq.ft., and bounded on the East by: Site No.61 (New No.) West by: Road, North by: Road, South by: Property No.26, being the remaining portion. Measuring 1/8 x 46' belonging to others.**

**K.MANJUNATHA & LAW ASSOCIATES, ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS** Office at No. 333, 6 No.40/5, First Floor, 19th Main Road, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, BENGALURU-560016 PHONE: 9866195391 Place: Bangalore, Date: 16.05.2024

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the schedule property from owner Mr. E Jayakumar and he represents that he purchased the same from A/S Venkatesh, vide registered Sale Deed dated 04-10-2004 bearing document no.034532004-05. He represents that the Original General Power of Attorney executed by erstwhile owner Mirza Akbar Ali Baig in favour of A/M Meah in respect of the schedule property is lost and hence, the owner has lodged a Police Complaint on 01-05-2024 at Bengaluru, vide Lost Report No.1034536/2024. If anybody finds it, return the same to the below address.

My client intends to avail financial assistance from financial institutions, by mortgaging the schedule property.

If any person/s or financial institutions having any objections claims, right, title interest in respect of the schedule property may file their objections with the undersigned along with the documentary proof within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Thereafter, he will proceed to avail loan from SBI without being liable for any claims put forth thereafter.

## SCHEDULE

Residential Property bearing New Municipal No.19/2, Old No.7, PID No.91-48-19/2, situated at 11 Main Road, S K Garden, Bangalore 560 046, within BMDP limits, measuring on the north 30 feet, south 30 feet, east 46 feet, west 45 feet 6 inches, in all measuring **1374 sq feet**, together with built area of 4 ½ sqs comprising of ground floor and bounded on: **East** by: Property No.8 belonging to Mr.A/Pillai

**West** by: Private Property  
**North** by: Property No.4 belonging to Mr.N.Kasi  
**South** by: Road.

**Renuka R. Desai, Rohit Desai, Advocates, Manu Law Chambers, No.948/1, 2nd Main, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru 560 010. Place: Bengaluru, Date: 15.05.2024**

**PROBLEMS ARE NOT STOP SIGNS, THEY ARE GUIDE LINES**  
ROHIT R. SCHILLER

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that the original Gift Deed dated 20/05/2018 executed by **Smt Chinamma** in favour of **Smt Muralikrishna**, registered as document no DBP-1-02622-2018-19, Book: 3, Stored in C.No DBP/047, registered before the sub-registrar, Doddaballapur has been misplaced/lost and not traceable yet. My client has lodged the police complaint on 02/02/2024 (lost report no: 1035764/2024). If anybody is in possession of the said original document, relating to the schedule property is requested to hand over the same to the below address within **7 days** from the date of publication.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**  
All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.13, Property No.54/1213, Situated at Shivapura Village, Doddaballapura Taluk, Kassa Hobli, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka, measuring East to West 46-0 Feet, North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1290 sqt and bounded on:

**East** by: Site bearing No.4, West by: Road, North by: Site bearing No.14, South by: Site bearing No.12.

**Sri CHANDRA SHEKHARA, M Advocate**  
Thotadaguddahadalli, Nagasandra Post Bangalore - 560073. M : 9606250366

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. Ranjini Kanji Ravarasi, S/o. Sri. Kanji Ravarasi**, aged about 46 Years, Residing at No.232, Krishna Kuteer, 2nd Cross, Cambridge Layout, Somaswarampura, Halesur,Bangalore-560008, is intending to purchase the property from **Smt. Chandrapraba, B. S/o Late. Byrappa and others**, that the All that piece and parcel of the House Property bearing **Katha No.382, New BMDP Katha at SL No.2381**, situated at **S. Narayanapura Village, K.R. Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.53, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 62'-7/02' Feet and North to South: 42'-37'+39.53' Feet, in all totally measuring 2607 Square Feet, East by: Road, West by: Property of Venkatappa, North by: Private Property, South by: Private Property. If any person/s have any claim, right, title and interest over the above said property, can approach the undersigned with full details within **7 days** from the date of this public notice. If any such claim is received within prescribed time period, any claims will be deemed to have been waived or abandoned and the sale will be completed without taking any reference on or of any such claim or claims. Once the sale is completed my client is not responsible for any consequences and he is deemed to be the rightful owner.**

**P.M. RAGHURAMA REDDY, M.N. MUNIRAJ, Advocates**  
No.16 & 17, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Bazaar Street, Near Bus Stand, K.R. Puram, Bangalore-560036.  
Mob: 98451 91607 & 9740459880, 9538324272

**Can Fin Homes Ltd**  
No. 58, 6<sup>th</sup> cross, Manjunathnagar, Raghuvannahalli, Bangalore 560 062  
Phone: 080-29751565/7625079172  
e-mail id: kanakapura@canfinhomes.com  
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

## DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)"

**To,**  
All legal heirs of Late Mrs Premamma N & Sri Nagaraju A Residing at, 1. **Co-borrower: Sri Nagaraju** S/o Anneappa, Residing at # No.22,Assessment No 59, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross, Peenya 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage, Karivobanahalli Village, Thigalarapalya Main Road, Bangalore North Taluk,Bangalore-560058. (Representative of Late Premamma N)  
2. **Guarantor: Sanna Ranga swamy** S/o Sheshanna, No 6/A, 8th Phase, Near Sinaura Lake View Garden, J P Nagar, Royal Country, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560078.

You No. 1 along with Late Mrs Premamma N availed a housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset/s belonging to Late Premamma N. An amount of Rs.12,02,700/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Two Thousand Seven Hundred Only) is due from you, to Can Fin Homes Ltd. as on 03/05/2024 together with future interest at the contracted rate.

**Details of the mortgaged property:** Residential Property bearing No.22 (Northern Half Portion), Katha No 513, Assessment No 99, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross, Peenya 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage, Karivobanahalli Village, Thigalarapalya Main Road, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560058. Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 20 feet totally measuring 600 Sq feet, and along with AC Sheet House measuring 500 Sq feet. Area Bounded By:East By: 20 Feet Road, West By: Private Property, North By: Site No 23, South By: Remaining of Southern Portion of Same Site  
Registered demand notice was sent to you under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, but the same was returned unserved. The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrower/s as per the said Act. Hence this paper publication. As you have failed to adhere to the terms of the sanction, the account is classified as a Non Performing Asset on 30/04/2024 as per the NHB Guidelines. You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon from 03/05/2024 within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaid security. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

**Sd/-**  
**Authorised Officer**  
**Can Fin Homes Limited**

**KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE STARS, AND YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND**  
J THEODOR ROOSEVELT

**Bank of Baroda**  
R.C. Road Branch  
Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560001. Phone :080-22263132/58504, email: vijrcro@bankofbaroda.com, website :www.bankofbaroda.com

## NOTICE TO BORROWER

(UNDER SUB-SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002)

At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its **Bank of Baroda, R.C. Road Branch**. The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon you, was un-served/not acknowledged, this publication is now issued.

**1.Name and Address of the Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors:**  
1) **Mr.Umashankar E S/o Erappa 2) Mrs. Sumithra W/o Mr. Umashankar E**, Both are residing at No. 23/113, 8th Cross, Doddanna Estate, Hegganahalli, Vishwanedam Post, Bengaluru - 560091.

| Nature and type of facility                                            | Limit (Rs) in lakhs | Rate of Interest | Outstanding as on 30.03.2024 (inclusive of interest up to 29.03.2024) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>HOUSING LOAN</b><br>7392060000164<br>(E-VB A/c No. 117808351000111) | 60.00               | 9.05%            | Rs. 78,58,171.00                                                      |

**Outstanding Amount : Rs. 78,58,171.00** (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy One Only) as on 30.03.2024 together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

**NPA Date : 29.04.2024 Demand Date : 09.05.2024**

**Security agreement with brief description of securities:** EMDTD of All that piece and parcel of the immovable House Property bearing Site No.80, Southern portion, BMDP Katha No. 100/352/80 (earlier Assessment No.100, Katha No.352) Sunkadakatte, Sreeganadakaavali, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru, BMDP Ward No.70, Sreeganadakaavali, measuring East to West 40 Ft and North to South 30 Ft and bounded on: East by: Road, West by: Site No.80A, North by: Northern Portion of Site No.80 of Smt.K.Pushpalatha, South: Road, constructed on the Land measuring East to West 40 Ft North to South: 30 Ft i.e. 1200 Sq Ft.

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

**Date : 14.05.2024**  
**Place : Bengaluru**  
**Sd/- Authorised Officer**  
**Bank of Baroda**

**Can Fin Homes Ltd**  
Sri.Annapoorneshwari Complex, Above Canara Bank,B.G.S. Road, Bangalore – 561209, Mob:-080-27282650  
Mob: 7625079189  
**e-mail id: bidadi@canfinhomes.com**  
**CIN No. L85110KA1987PLC008699**

## DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)"

**To,**  
1. **Mrs.Lakshmi R W/o Mr. Srinivas**, (Borrower),  
2. **Mr. Prasanna Kumar S/o Mr. Srinivas** (Co-Borrower), # 171, Shanumangala Village, Manchanayakana Halli, Ramanager Taluk, Ramanagera 562109.  
3. **Mr.Muniraju K S/o Mr. Krishnappa, (Guarantor)** #59, Shanumangala, Manchanayakana Halli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanager Taluk, Ramanagera 562109.  
4. **Mr.Srinivas S/o Siddappa, (Guarantor)** #171,Shanumangala, Manchanayakana Halli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanager Taluk, Ramanagera 562109.

No. 1 & 2 amongst you have availed a housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset belonging to No. 1 Amongst you. An amount of Rs.19,83,712/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Twelve Only) is due from you, to Can Fin Homes Ltd. as on 07-05-2024 together with future interest at the contracted rate.

**Details of the mortgaged property:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Kshaneshumari No 89 and 90 Property no 15290040 2002600134 situated in Shanumangala village, Manchanayakana halli, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanager Taluk, Ramanagera.

**measuring** East to West 28 Feet. and North to South 26 Feet, **Total measuring** 728 SQFT and bounded on: East by: Property of Marakka, West By : Road, North By : Property of Ramanna, South By : Property of Sampaththu

Registered demand notice was sent to Nos. 1&2 amongst you under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, but the same was returned unserved. The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrower/s as per the said Act. Hence this paper publication. As you have failed to adhere to the terms of the sanction, the account is classified as a Non Performing Asset on 30.04.2024 as per the NHB Guidelines. The borrowers and any others claiming under them are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon from 07.05.2024 within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaid security. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

**Sd/-**  
**Authorised Officer**  
**Can Fin Homes Limited**

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| London   | 21 | 14 | SNY | Washington  | 18 | 9  | LC  |

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my client intends to purchase the property detailed in the schedule below from its owner **Dr. G. Chandramohan**. If any person has any manner of right, title, interest, claim or objection for sale of the schedule property, may forward your objections along with documentary proof to the undersigned, within **10 days** from the date of this publication. If no objections are received, my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property and any objections received thereafter, shall not be entertained.

## SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of Site bearing No.12, formed on property bearing Sy No.114/2 measuring 1 Acre 24.08 guntas of Andrahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on:

**East** by: Road; **West** by: Site No.21  
**North** by: Site No.13; **South** by: Site No.11

**A. SAMPATH, Advocate**  
No. 20, 3rd Floor,  
1st Main Road, Gandhinagar,  
Bengaluru 560 009. Mob: 9845151157

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **ALAN STEPHENSON, S/o. Mervyn**, has revoked and cancelled the General Power of Attorney dated 7/2/2023 executed before Notary Mr. Prasad Shetty, K.B. in favour of Mr. T.P. Ravi Shankar, S/o. Late D. Poosalingam, residing of No. 59, Tank Road, Bangalore - 560 042 in respect of property bearing No. 234, measuring 1578 sq.ft. situated at Bhimaranoagar, Raghuvannahalli, Bidarahalli, Bangalore East Taluk, and has withdrawn all powers given to said GPA Holder Mr. T.P. Ravi Shankar and he shall not have any authority and any power or authority to deal with the aforesaid property in future under any circumstances whatsoever from 8/4/2024.

Any transaction made after this cancellation i.e. after 8/4/2024 shall not be binding on my client and he shall not have any right of any kind in respect of the aforesaid property belonging to my client who is at present employed and residing at No. 164, HOE LANE ENFIELD EN1 4 5J, United Kingdom. The cancellation is duly attested by the Solicitor & Commissioner of Oaths, 206, Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park, London N4 3NX, Tel. 020 7561 9494, since my client is at present employed and residing at 164, HOE LANE ENFIELD EN1 4 EU United Kingdom.

**GOVINDA RAJU (RAJU), Advocate**  
No. 109, 1st Floor, 5th Cross, Kadinappa Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005.  
Date: 16-05-2024

## EAST COAST RAILWAY

**E-Tender Notice No. SNTPBBS-042024-VSS**

**NAME OF WORK : PROVISION OF VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM AT D & E CATEGORY STATIONS (149 STATIONS) IN WALTAIR & KHURDA ROAD DIVISIONS OVER EAST COAST RAILWAY.**

**Approximate Advertised Value (₹) :** 22,73,81,267.46, **EMD (₹) :** 12,86,900.00, **Completion Period of the Work :** 12 months.

**Tender Closing Date & Time :** At 1530 Hrs. of 18.06.2024

No manual offers sent by Post / Courier / Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration. Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website <http://www.irops.gov.in>

**Note :** The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website 15 (Fifteen) days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes / corrigenda issued for this tender.

**Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (P), Bhubaneswar**

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## CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Jesla Joseph**, residing at H.N. 44, 1<sup>st</sup> B cross road, Shivapura, Bangalore-560064 hereby change the name of minor son Jeezeel to **LUIGI TOMAS**. Hereafter, he will be known as **LUIGI TOMAS**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **ALAN STEPHENSON, S/o. Mervyn**, has revoked and cancelled the General Power of Attorney executed in favour of Mr. J. Xavier, S/o. Jayarajan, resident of No. 170, 5th Cross, Kanakadasa Layout, Lingarajapura, Bangalore 560 084 duly registered as document No. KCH-4-00007/2008-09 in CD No. KCHD-11, dated 19/4/2008 before the office of Sub-Registrar, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore, which power was given to J. Xavier GPA Holder for various purposes of appearing before Govt. office, Quasi Government Boards, Corporation, Companies and apply for records and get change of land in respect of non agricultural residential purposes from authorities and plan approval for layout and authorizing for sale of immovable property, developing of properties, execution of sale deeds before office of Sub-Registrar, on behalf of my client and all other powers whatsoever given under the aforesaid GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY have been CANCELLED AND WITHDRAWN with effect from 8/4/2024 which cancellation is made before The Solicitor & Commissioner of Oaths, 206, Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park, London N4 3NX, Tel. 020 7561 9494, since my client is at present employed and residing at 164, HOE LANE ENFIELD EN1 4 EU United Kingdom.

**GOVINDA RAJU (RAJU), Advocate**  
No. 109, 1st Floor, 5th Cross, Kadinappa Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005.  
Date: 16-05-2024

**Can Fin Homes Ltd**  
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e-mail id: kanakapura@canfinhomes.com  
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

## DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)"

**To,**  
All Legal Heirs of **Sri Rajesh C & Sri Late R Chokkanathan** Residing At **1. Borrower : Sri Rajesh C S/o Late R Chokkanathan R/at # No.7,Katha No 315/7, 1<sup>st</sup> Cross, Sy No. 5, Old Katha No 283, Water Tank Road Near KEB, Subramanyapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560061.** (Representative of Late R Chokkanathan)

**2. Guarantor: C Jayaramu** S/o Nanjunndappa, No 1





## Market recovers as rate cut prospect improves; Sensex, Nifty gain over 1%

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity market made a swift recovery from last week's aggressive sell-off which was triggered by concerns related to the outcome of 2024 General Elections. The local benchmark indices - BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty - extended this week's gain and ended higher by nearly 1% each on Thursday, all thanks to robust buying across sectors during the session.

Experts say the buying was driven by strong global trends as lower-than-expected US consumer inflation figures have again triggered chances of at least two interest rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve in 2024.

Sensex closed 676.69 points, or 0.93% higher at 73,663.72 while Nifty advanced 203.30 points, or 0.92% higher to settle



at 22,403.85. During the intra-day session, the Sensex hit a low of 72,530 while the Nifty bottomed at 22,054 level. In the broader market, Nifty Small-Cap 100 and Nifty MidCap100 surged 0.84% and 0.88%, respectively.

"The domestic market experienced a late surge, driven by strong global trends that pointed to lower-than-expected US

consumer inflation figures, which suggests at least two rate cuts in 2024. Buoyancy in the broader market continues with exports rising despite global economic uncertainties, leading the heavyweights' sectors such as banking, IT, and industrials to outperform," said Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services.

Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Equities, said at a time when FIIs have been ploughing out funds from domestic equities, news of new stocks being added to the MSCI index, which is expected to bring in fresh FPI flows, has brought some cheers to the markets. Foreign institutional investors sold shares (net) worth ₹776 crore on Thursday while domestic institutional investors bought (net) shares worth ₹2,128 crore.

## Spectrum bid: Jio pays EMD of ₹3K cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

RELIANCE JIO, India's largest telecom service provider submitted the maximum earnest money deposit (EMD) of ₹3,000 crore for the upcoming spectrum auction on June 6. This is despite none of Jio's licences need renewal.

In contrast, competitors Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea (Vi) require spectrum renewals in some circles during the auction. Bharti Airtel deposited ₹1,050 crore, while Vi deposited ₹300 crore. All three private companies will compete for ₹96,317.65 crore worth of 5G airwaves across various bands, including 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1,800 MHz, 2,100 MHz, 2,300 MHz, 2,500 MHz, 3,300 MHz, and 26 GHz.

Bharti Airtel, India's second-largest telecom service provider, needs to renew spectrum in Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha, Bihar, UP (East), West Bengal, and Assam. Vodafone Idea re-

quires renewals in West Bengal and UP West circles.

Based on the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) details, Jio has been allocated 21,363 eligibility points, followed by Airtel with 7,613 and Vi with 2,200. All service providers can bid in any band or service area depending on their eligibility points and spectrum

caps. In terms of net worth (as per DoT details), Jio leads with ₹2,31,121 crore (as of December 31, 2023). Bharti Airtel follows with ₹86,260 crore (as of May 6, 2024), while Vi has a negative net worth of ₹1,16,886 crore (as of May 3, 2024).

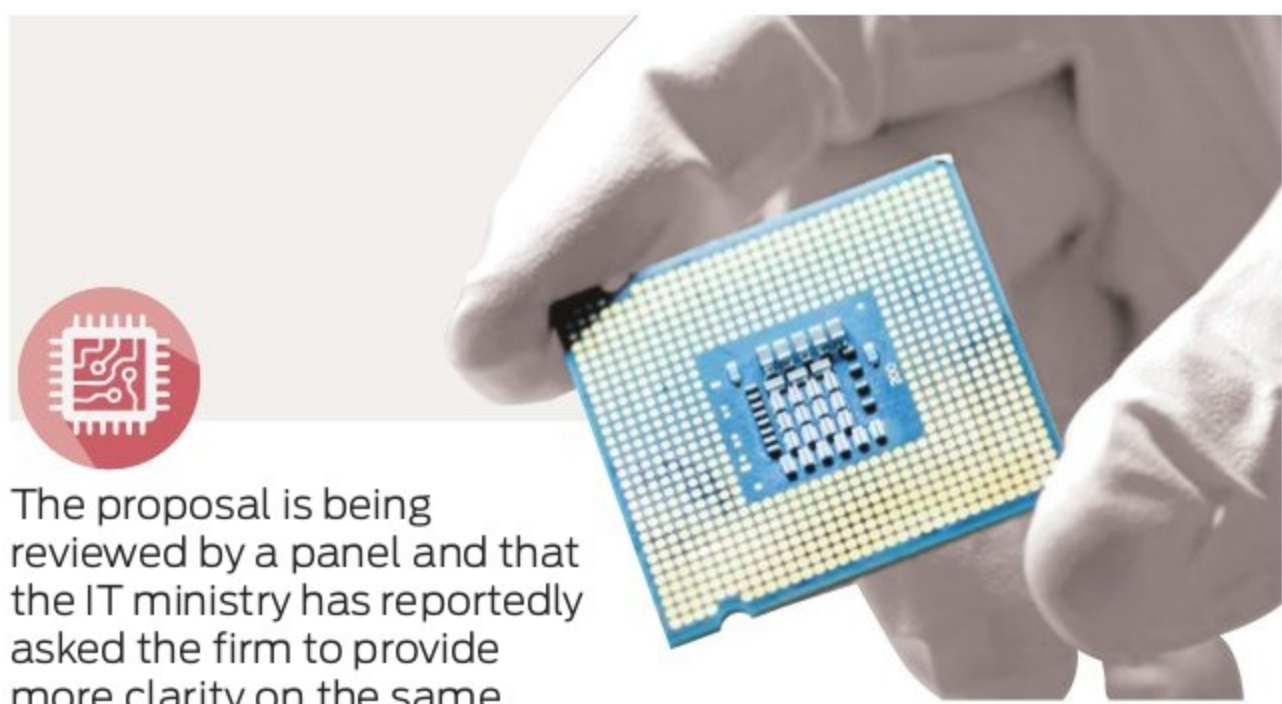
Analysts expect the government to raise a maximum of ₹18,000 crore, roughly 19% of the total spectrum value.

In the last spectrum auction held in July 2022, the government mopped up over ₹1.5 lakh crore. The auction offered over 72 GHz of airwaves across 10 different 5G bands, with a reserve price of ₹4.3 lakh crore.

**Jio licences don't need renewal yet will bid**

Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea (Vi) require spectrum renewals in some circles during the auction. Bharti Airtel deposited ₹1,050 crore, while Vi deposited ₹300 crore. All three private companies will compete for ₹96,317.65 crore worth of 5G airwaves across various bands. Jio is bidding despite it doesn't require licence renewal

## \$700 MILLION ZOHU TO INVEST IN CHIPMAKING



The proposal is being reviewed by a panel and that the IT ministry has reportedly asked the firm to provide more clarity on the same

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

WITH a proposed investment of \$700 million, homegrown SaaS unicorn Zoho is planning a new venture into chipmaking. Though the company did not comment on the development, reports suggest that Zoho has been seeking incentives from the government. It is also said the proposal is being reviewed by a panel and that the IT ministry has reportedly asked the firm to provide more clarity on the same.

Earlier in March, the company's founder and CEO Sridhar Vembu had announced on X his plans for a semiconductor design project in Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu. It is said that the company has identified a tech partner for setting up a unit. The company's proposal includes manufacturing compound semiconductors that have specialised commercial applications.

In February this year, the government approved \$15.2 billion worth of investments in the establishment of three semiconductor fabrication plants. It approved a proposal from Tata Electronics to build a mega semiconductor fabrication facility in Dholera, Gujarat, in partnership with Taiwan's Powerchip Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation (PSMC). The facility will have the capacity to produce 50,000 wafers a month and it also aims to manufacture three billion chips annually. It will include next generation factory automation capabilities deploying data analytics and machine learning to achieve factory efficiency. With an investment of up to ₹91,000 crore, the fab will generate over 20,000 direct and indirect skilled jobs.

**India contributes 10% of our total revenues and this will double in another 10 years it will become the No. 1 market**

Sridhar Vembu, CEO of Zoho Corporation

**Chip making plans so far**

US semiconductor major Micron for packaging unit in Gujarat with ₹1,76 L cr investment

Tata Electronic and PSMC in Dholera with ₹91,000 cr investment

Tata Group will also establish a chip packaging unit in Morigaon, Assam, with investment of ₹27,000 cr

CG Power, Renesas Electronics Corporation (Japan), and Stars

Microelectronics (Thailand) will collaborate to establish a chip unit in Sanand, Gujarat ₹76,000 cr investment

In March, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for two facilities including a semiconductor fab in Dholera and a semiconductor assembly and test (OSAT) facility in Jagiroad, Morigaon, Assam. The country aims to emerge as a major player in the global semiconductor manufacturing industry by 2029.

In FY23, Zoho reported about ₹8,700 crore revenue and its net profit witnessed an increase of 3% to about ₹2,800 crore. For Zoho, which is privately held, India is No.3 market, after the US and the EU (European Union). In an interaction with this newspaper last year Vembu had said India has the potential to emerge as the biggest market for the company in the next 10 years.

"India contributes 10% of our total revenues and this will double in another 10 years it will become the No. 1 market," he had said.

## Brookfield to acquire 50% stake in 4 Bharti Ent assets

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BROOKFIELD India Real Estate Trust (BIRET) has inked bidding agreements to acquire a 50% stake in four Grade A assets from Bharti Enterprises. The acquisition includes marquee commercial properties of 3.3 million square feet, at an enterprise value (EV) of ₹6,000 crore.

The total equity consideration for the 50% stake will be fulfilled via a preferential allotment of units in BIRET to Bharti, at ₹300 per unit. Following this, Bharti will become the second-largest unitholder in BIRET, India's only 100% institutionally managed office REIT, with an ownership stake of 8.53%, the two companies said in a joint statement.



**Bharti to take its partnership with Brookfield forward via ownership in their listed portfolio of high quality assets**

Harjeet Kohli, Joint MD designation

The portfolio of assets includes operating Worldmark assets at Aerocity New Delhi, a mixed-use property covering 1.4 million square feet, Airtel Center, a corporate facility of 700,000 square feet in north Gurugram, and Worldmark Gurugram, a mixed-use asset spanning over 700,000 square feet. Brookfield Asset Management in a transaction had picked up 50% stake in Bharti Enterprises' four commercial properties in Delhi-NCR last year. Harjeet Kohli, Joint MD at Bharti Enterprises, said, "Brookfield, via its two managed vehicles, will own 100% stake in the four marquee assets developed by Bharti Realty Bharti to take its partnership with Brookfield forward via ownership in their listed portfolio of assets."

## TechM former vice chairman Vineet Nayyar dies

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

Former Tech Mahindra vice chairman Vineet Nayyar, 85, passed away on Thursday. A civil servant turned corporate professional; he was one of the doyens of the Indian tech industry. He worked with the World Bank and then went on to serve state-owned energy corporation GAIL as its inaugural chairman and MD.

He later joined HCL Corporation as its MD and became vice chairman of HCL Technologies. Anand Mahindra, chairman of Mahindra Group, wrote on X, "Vineet was a larger than life figure in Indian business landscape. A distinguished IAS officer, who served with the World Bank, became the first Chairman of GAIL. He made a successful transition to the private sector becoming MD of HCL and the Vice Chairman of HCL Technologies."



ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN another high-profile exit at ride-hailing major Ola Cabs, Kartik Gupta, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of ANI Technologies, the parent company of Ola Cabs, has stepped down.

The CFO's departure comes just two weeks after Ola Cabs' CEO Hemant Bakshi decided to leave the company. Bakshi, who had joined Ola in September

## Two weeks after CEO exit, Ola CFO Karthik Gupta steps down

2023, quit barely four months into the role. Gupta had joined Ola Cabs seven months ago and held responsibilities across financial strategy, growth, regulatory compliance, tax, treasury, and investor relations. Earlier, he held the position of vice president and regional CFO of Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa at Procter & Gamble for over 17 years.

"As part of an ongoing restructuring, Ola Mobility CFO

Kartik Gupta has stepped down from the company. This restructuring is aimed at productivity enhancement in an AI-led era that is redefining the cab-hailing industry globally. The restructuring will allow Ola to strengthen cost structures, focus on growth and increase its bottom line," confirmed ANI Technologies in its statement.

The exits at Ola group come amidst a restructuring exercise.

## GAIL net profit triples on gas biz turnaround

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

STATE-owned gas utility GAIL (India) on Thursday reported more than tripling of its fourth quarter net profit as its natural gas transmission and petrochemical business saw a turnaround.

Its standalone net profit of ₹2,176.97 crore in the fourth quarter of 2023-24 - was 261% more than ₹603.52 crore net profit in the same period last year, according to stock exchange filing by the company. The net profit was, however, 26 per cent lower than ₹2,842.62 crore earning in the preceding quarter of October-December. The year-on-year rise in profit was aided by a turnaround in the natural gas transmission and petrochemicals business and an uptick in gas marketing. Against a loss of ₹16.41 crore in the gas transmission business in January-March 2023, India's largest gas transportation and marketing firm booked a pre-tax profit of ₹980 crore.

## Vi loss widens to ₹7,674 cr; eyes 25K cr fundraise



RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

TELECOM service provider Vodafone Idea reported a net loss of ₹7,674 crore for the quarter ending March 31, 2024. The company's loss widened in the quarter under review from ₹6,418.9 crore in the year-ago period.

The telco's revenue from operations increased to ₹10,606 crore from ₹10,531 crore in the same quarter last fiscal.

The EBITDA of the company stood at ₹4,336 crore in the fourth quarter of this fiscal over ₹4,210.30 crore in the pre-

vious year. "We are pleased to report annual revenue and EBITDA (pre-IndAS) growth for the second consecutive year on the back of consistently improving performance for last several quarters despite significantly lower investments; a clear reflection of our execution capabilities. We registered growth in ARPU and 4G subscribers for 11 successive quarters," said Akshaya Moondra, CEO, Vodafone Idea.

Vodafone Idea recently raised ₹18,000 crore from FPO. The company further mentioned that it is in discussions with

banks to raise ₹25,000 crore and additional non-fund-based facilities of up to ₹10,000 crore. As per the company, post the Telecom reforms package in September 2021, its bank exposure has reduced by ₹34,600 crore.

"Our equity fundraise of ₹215 billion will enable us to kickstart the investment cycle to expand our 4G coverage as well as launch of 5G services to effectively participate in the industry growth opportunities," said Moondra. The company improved its ARPU to ₹146, up 7.6% on YoY basis from ₹135 in Q4FY23.

## Biocon profit falls 57% to ₹136 cr; revenue at ₹4K cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BIOTECH company Biocon on Thursday reported a 57% fall in its consolidated net profit at ₹136 crore for the fourth quarter ending March 2024 on account of higher expenses.

It had reported a net profit of ₹313 crore in the same quarter of the last fiscal.

The company's total revenue increased marginally to ₹3,966 crore in the said quarter compared with ₹3,929 crore in the year-ago period, Biocon said in a statement. Total expenses surged to ₹3,635 crore in the fourth quarter from ₹3,389 crore in the same period of FY23. For the year ended on March 31, 2024, the company said its consolidated net profit rose to ₹1,022 crore as against ₹463 crore a year ago.

Total revenue rose to ₹15,621 crore as against ₹11,550 crore in the 2022-23 fiscal. "Q4FY24 performance was strongly

led by Biologics that delivered the promised billion-dollar annual revenue milestone marking the successful transition of biosimilars acquisition from Viatriis," Biocon Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw said. Increased market shares of key products in the US, Europe and emerging markets coupled with significant volume growth were the highlights of the biosimilars business the quarter, she added.

"During the year, we reduced our acquisition debt. We entered into a long-term strategic collaboration to distribute our products in India while retaining exclusive supply rights," Biocon Biologics CEO and MD Shreehas Tambe said. FY24 has been a transformational year as the company leverages its expanded global reach to address patient needs globally and unlock value for the benefit of all stakeholders, he added.





# Last hurrah: Face of Indian football set to walk into sunset

Chhetri announces retirement, WC qualifier against Kuwait on June 6 to be his last game

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN  
@Chennai

AS soon as the tweet dropped, you feared the worst. By the time the man in the video (9m 51s) had stopped talking, India's football fans were fighting back tears as they tried to accept a new reality. Sunil Chhetri, who had come to represent the only peak in a sport filled with troughs, was going to stop playing. "It's not that I was feeling tired, not that I was feeling this or that" he reflected in the video. "When the instinct came that this should be my last game, I thought about it a lot and eventually I came to this decision." The upcoming World Cup qualifier against Kuwait on June 6 would be his last game. After 19 years of wearing India Blue, it's goodbye.

Some sportspersons, when

| FACTFILE             |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Name:                | Sunil Chhetri         |
| Age:                 | 39 (DOB: Aug 3, 1984) |
| Debut:               | 2005, vs Pakistan     |
| International caps:  | 150                   |
| International goals: | 94                    |

they retire, you can sum up their greatness thanks to their sheer body of work. On the other side of the scale are athletes who represented something more than achievements. Chhetri is that rare breed of athlete who straddled both. Just by the sheer weight of numbers, he is an undoubted Indian football superstar (150 caps, 94 goals, multiple titles). But over time, he became something greater; to a nation



Chhetri made the announcement in a video message on social media | ALEPIC

starved of success in the world's most popular sport, the forward became an elixir. A powerful antidote in an arena beset by controversy, questionable appointments and apathy.

The forward was reason enough for fans to switch on TV

sets up and down the country. For Indian millennials who had caught IM Vijayan and Bhaichung Bhutia only during the twilight of their careers, Chhetri had the buy in from even before he was an established member of the side. Dur-

ing the AFC Challenge Cup final in 2008, the forward scored a hat-trick against Tajikistan to help the nation qualify for the 2011 edition of the Asian Cup. The last time before 2011 was in 1987. His career had a lift-off. Even before then till now, whenever the national team did something of note, Chhetri was usually the architect or at least part of the support group. He would either score the winning goal, towering over defenders taller than him or tuck home the penalty or lay it on a plate for one of his teammates.

Last year, when speaking to this daily, Chhetri lifted the lid on what made him stay relevant since coming onto the stage in 2005. "I have been blessed to play with players who have helped me a lot," he had said. "I think my work is just the final part but a lot of hard work is done by a lot of others... the last 19 years I have been surrounded by players who have helped me... that's the reason I have

been relevant for so many years." In a roundabout way, his insistence on the collective further embellishes his legacy.

Against Kuwait, he will wear India's Blue for one last time to hassle defenders. At the Salt Lake Stadium, Chhetri will use the vast green expanse to paint his canvas for one final time — he may score for a record-extending 95th time. But he will do what he has always done. Press the opposition, win headers against defenders over six foot and cajole a performance out of his team, who will look up to him for one final time.

Once the referee blows the final whistle, the tears will roll down the cheeks. It will also be a celebration as the masses will collectively stand up and applaud one of the totemic figures this country has had in the sport.

A few days later, a question that has been frequently asked for the last five years will become reality. 'Who after Chhetri?'

## WHAT THEY SAID...

Sunil, no doubt, will go down as one of the greatest players India had ever produced. His contribution to Indian football is immense. It's a great loss for Indian football

- Bhaichung Bhutia, former India captain

A real legend of the game who took Indian football onto the global stage. Your passion has inspired a generation to take up the game... your legacy in Indian sports will be remembered forever... you can look back with pride as you get set for your final game, thank you legend

- Yuvraj Singh, former India cricketer

What a ride this has been, skipper! 94 international goals, so many laurels, an unbroken conviction and you've inspired so many young Indians to dream big. Happy farewell to the No.11 (No.9) but India's 1

- Royal Challengers Bengaluru

## Ignoring IMD's advice, fans brave rains to support SRH

FIROZ MIRZA @Hyderabad

HEAVY rains lashed Hyderabad on Thursday afternoon with the highest recorded rainfall being over 51 mm as of 4 pm according to the Telangana State Development Planning Society (TSDDS). The downpour led to flooding in several parts of the city. Vehicles were seen crawling on the roads with the travel time increasing considerably.

The Director of Enforcement, Vigilance and Disaster Management of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation shared the weather update. At 4 pm, the Indian Meteorological Department issued a moderate rain and thundershower alert for the GHMC limits. The IMD also advised people to monitor the weather before chalking out any plans for going out apart from predicting more rainfall for the evening and night. The prediction by the IMD and GHMC's advice would have been enough to deter people from venturing out from their homes. But it seemed to have fallen on deaf ears as far as Sunrisers Hyderabad fans were concerned. They braved rains and traffic snarls and somehow made their way to the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium at Uppal in the city, skidding through the wet and muddy surroundings.

By 9:50 pm, around 20,000 fans were at the venue which boasts a capacity of around 40,000. In all, 33,871 ticket holders were in the stadium as those many tickets were scanned for entry. Rain affected the attendance as for the entirety of the season, every match at the venue recorded almost a full house.

Only a few IPL teams enjoy wholehearted support from their fans and the Hyderabad franchise was definitely not one among them only till recently. It all seemed to have changed this season with the team perform-



Good show by the Sunrisers this season has renewed supporters' hope of title triumph. Despite rain many fans showed up at Uppal on Thursday | VINAY MADAPU

| Teams   | P  | W | L | Pts | NRR   |
|---------|----|---|---|-----|-------|
| (Q) KKR | 13 | 9 | 3 | 19  | 1.42  |
| (Q) RR  | 13 | 8 | 5 | 16  | 0.27  |
| (Q) SRH | 13 | 7 | 5 | 15  | 0.40  |
| CSK     | 13 | 7 | 6 | 14  | 0.52  |
| DC      | 14 | 7 | 7 | 14  | -0.37 |
| RCB     | 13 | 6 | 7 | 12  | 0.38  |
| LSG     | 13 | 6 | 7 | 12  | -0.78 |
| GT      | 14 | 5 | 7 | 12  | -1.06 |
| PBKS    | 13 | 5 | 8 | 10  | -0.34 |
| MI      | 13 | 4 | 9 | 8   | -0.27 |

\* - until the end of SRH vs GT match

## TODAY'S MATCH

Lucknow Super Giants vs Mumbai Indians, Mumbai

Live on Star Sports and JioCinema, 7:30PM

ing exceptionally well under the ODI World Cup winning captain Pat Cummins. Explosive start from their openers Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma along with constant hammering from Heinrich Klaasen, Nitish Kumar Reddy and Aiden Markram seem to have re-energised the sleeping Orange Army, which has been longing for a good show by their team since their title-winning campaign in the

2016 season under David Warner.

Ravi is one such fan, who has been a part of Orange Army for almost four years but remained inactive mostly given the team's show in the past few seasons. This edition, Ravi is once again in the stands to support his team and make sure they make it to the play-offs. "This is my fourth match this season. The way the openers are batting has given us hope. For years, I have been waiting for the Hyderabad franchise to do well but they didn't get that success. This season, they have renewed our hopes," Ravi told this daily. He resides at Alwal, a suburb of the city and travelled around 30km despite heavy rains and traffic jams.

Kranthi Kumar, chief engineer with the Indian Navy, tagged along with Ravi as he has been a silent SRH fan for years but wanted to see them perform well in his first experience from the stadium. "Indian players like Abhishek, Reddy, and Abdul Samad are doing well. I know Cummins deserves praise for this improved show but we want our domestic players to perform. With their ex-

## SRH third team to advance

HYDERABAD: Hyderabad punched their place in the playoff stages as incessant rains washed out their game against Gujarat without a ball being bowled. Because of the wash out, Delhi Capitals became the fourth team to be eliminated. Lucknow are also on the blink and will need multiple miracles to remain in contention. At this stage, it looks very likely that the clash between Bengaluru and Chennai (another contest that may see lots of rain) will be a winner-takes-all clash.

ceptional performances, they have given us a reason to come out in huge numbers to support them. We now need one good pacer," Kranthi said. The newfound love from the fans has even surprised the franchise with Simon Helmot, SRH assistant coach, terming the crowd the team's 13th impact player. "We remember the first years here at SRH when we were developing a fan base. There may have been some space in the crowd, there may have even been times when there was some support for the opposition as well. But hasn't that changed?...I'll say this year has been the most vocal, the noisiest, and the most supporting crowd that I can ever remember," Helmot had said speaking on the support.

Kranthi and Ravi bought the tickets more than 150 times of its original price. The duo like other supporters were worried as persistent rains devoid them of the action they have been desperately waiting for. It might have made them nervy and restless but they were not dejected as has been the case for the past few years. This time they have enough reasons to smile, putting aside every heartbreak as they can hope for a repeat of the 2016 title triumph. Warner was at the helm of affairs eight years ago and who else than his compatriot Cummins to bring back that joy.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

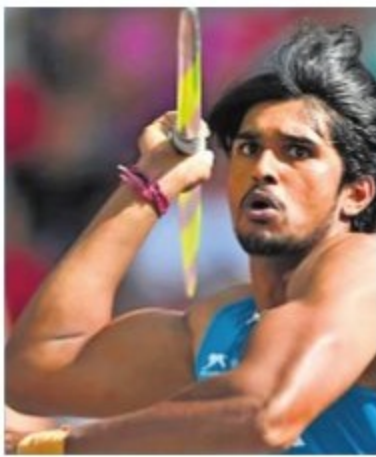
## Manu in search of bigger distance

INDRANEEL DAS @Bhubaneswar

AMID the hullabaloo of Neeraj Chopra at the Kalinga Stadium on Wednesday, one can be forgiven for missing DP Manu's performance in the same event. The lanky javelin thrower, back from a stint in South Africa, looked relaxed in his run-up. The stadium was chanting Neeraj's name but Manu was the first thrower of the event. Yet, when he ran and threw the javelin there was balance and poise. The spear flew to 82.06m. This remained the best mark until Neeraj overhauled it.

Neeraj managed 82m in his first throw but it wasn't until the fourth, when he changed his costume and post some stretching, did he manage to overtake Manu's 82.06m. Even after the throw, what seemed interesting was that Manu was oblivious to the fact that Neeraj overtook him. He thought he had beaten Neeraj. Only when he spoke to his coach did he realise that he was second. "He did not notice that Neeraj had overtaken him," said his coach Kashinath Naik.

"Manu thought he had won the event," said his coach. "He was throwing well and said that 'Neeraj bhai ka body thik se nehi chal raha hai' (Neeraj's body was not responding well)," said the coach. Manu felt this was the moment when he could beat Neeraj. For champions, winning becomes addictive; almost a habit. No matter what their personality trait is, they hate losing. Neeraj is no dif-



We are hoping to touch the automatic qualification mark (85.50m). The federation has said that we should go and compete in Taiwan later this month and hopefully we will be able to reach the automatic qualification mark.

Kashinath Naik, DP Manu's coach

ferent. Manu had not done well in the Indian Grand Prix I in Bengaluru. Though he finished on top with 81.91m, his coach felt he could have done well.

"That is the positive," said Kashinath. "Before coming to the competition, he was not doing well. This can create a mental block in the athlete. Now he had a consistent series of three 80+ in his four throws. This will help him ease his mental block."

Kashinath said that Manu felt that he could have thrown better if he pushed a bit harder

by Neeraj. "Anyway, it was a good experience for him to compete against Neeraj."

What seems heartening is that Manu is the third javelin thrower who will be joining Neeraj and Kishore Jena at the Paris Olympics. This is the first time that three Indians would be competing in an event. Manu is 12th on the Road to Paris ranking. But Manu is looking to attain the automatic qualification distance.

"We are hoping to touch the automatic qualification mark (85.50m)," the coach added. As of now, Manu is planning to compete in an event in Taiwan later this month. "The federation has said that we should go and compete in Taiwan later this month and hopefully we will be able to reach the automatic qualification mark," he said.

Kashinath said the training at Potchefstroom's North West University High Performance Centre was quite good. This was the first time Manu had trained abroad and he felt good. The exposure would help.

The conditions at the stadium were not ideal. Even Neeraj had said that it was challenging but as an athlete, one has to adjust. There was no wind and it was hot and humid inside the stadium. Manu's coach is hoping he will do well in more favourable conditions. "He has a personal best of 84.35m and if he throws well he can breach this," he said. That is their next target.

## Delhi HC upholds NRAI's Olympics selection policy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@Chennai

A petition filed by a rifle shooter, contesting her non-inclusion to participate in the shooting Olympic Selection Trials, was dismissed by the Delhi High Court on Wednesday. The Delhi High Court upheld the Paris 2024 Olympic Selection Policy formulated by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), the governing body of the sport in the country.

The development is a relief for the shooters, who are currently part of trials as there were concerns about the validity of the trials due to the case.

"Our selection policy for the Olympic Games 2024 stands upheld being fair, reasonable and transparent. All the athletes

have been given a fair chance. The policy is more inclusive for the shooters to qualify," K Sultan Singh, NRAI general, said.

## Anjum, Swapni toppers

On the field, Anjum Moudgil and Swapnil Kusale were the highlights in the ongoing T3 of the Olympic Shooting Trials in Bhopal on Thursday. After topping the women's 50m rifle 3 positions qualification stage on Wednesday, Anjum returned 24 hours later to clinch the finals and boost her chances of securing a berth in Paris. Sift Kaur Samra finished second. Swapnil topped the men's equivalent event, finishing ahead of Akhil Sheoran. Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, who had won the qualification stage, finished third.



## EXPRESS READ

### SBUL to represent India at Pokemon UNITE

MUMBAI: SBUL emerged victorious in the India qualifiers of Pokémon UNITE World Championship 2024 to clinch the nation's sole spot for the tournament's third edition. This marks SBUL's consecutive appearance at global event scheduled to take place in Honolulu, Hawaii from August 18-20. The five-member team, led by captain Manmohan Singh, alongside teammates Deep Patel, Rudra Narayan Nayak, Adnan Badshah, and Rahul Lavhate remained unbeaten throughout the qualifiers.

### India to face B'desh in T20 WC warm-up game

CHENNAI: India will face Bangladesh in a warm-up match before their first World Cup encounter. In a yet-to-be-decided venue, they will play their Asian neighbours on June 1 (they play their first game of the WC against Ireland on June 5). Because of their players' involvement in the Indian Premier League, India are one of the few countries who will play only one encounter. However, holders England have decided against playing any tune-up games in the US or the West Indies. The warm-up games begin on May 27. ENS

### Feed for hearing & visually impaired fans in T20 WC

MUMBAI: Hearing and visually-impaired cricket fans can look forward to an Indian Sign Language (ISL) and audio descriptive feed during next month's T20 World Cup in the Americas with official broadcasters Disney+Hotstar and Star Sports Network announcing special telecast arrangements. This will be applicable for 10 matches including all the India games, semifinals and finals. This is the first time that the T20 WC will be telecast with sign language and descriptive commentary.

## Indian boxer in danger of losing Olympic quota

ANMOL GURUNG @Chennai

BOXING is in danger of losing an Olympic quota spot. One of the quota earners is allegedly facing sanctions from World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) due to whereabouts failure, which has led to the predicament.

The Boxing Federation of India (BFI), the governing body of the sport in the country, has been grappling for some time to remedy the situation. The issue had first come to light after the Asian Games.

The whereabouts period under scrutiny is reportedly from April, 2022 to March, 2023.

Vidushpat Singhania, a sports lawyer who is representing the said pugilist, said the hearing is on at the moment. "The hearing is going on in alleged whereabouts violation with International Testing Agency and sanctions, if any," he said.

There is a possibility that the boxer's legal team might get into discussions with WADA. It goes without saying the country's quota count could go down to three if the matter is not resolved on time.

The coach of the boxer in question is naturally disappointed and felt that her case could have been handled better. "I feel her case could have been handled better. People in charge didn't pay attention then. It's a big disappointment," the coach said. "Everyone should be self-independent. The boxer also should have remained mindful about that issue. It's a big blow as we had put our tears and sweat for years to come close to the Olympics," he added.

The BFI could not be reached despite repeated attempts. A month or so ago, an official had acknowledged the issue and said the federation's legal team is looking to find a solution. India have four quotas (all women) as of now. The country's boxers will look to add to that tally during the upcoming 2nd World Olympic Qualifying event in Bangkok, Thailand, which is scheduled to be held from May 24 to June 2. That will be the last opportunity for Indians to qualify for the Paris Games. The squad was announced earlier and they have already departed for the competition.

## Sharath, Batra to lead TT squads in Oly

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

MULTIPLE CWG medallist A Sharath Kamal and world No 24 Manika Batra will spearhead the team events of Indian men and women challenges, respectively at the Paris Olympics in what will be the first-ever participation of the squads at the Games. The senior selection committee of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) picked a six-member squad (three in each section) as per the Olympics norms, besides naming the individuals who would compete in the singles events.

Kamal, Harmeet Desai, and Manav Thakkar will form the three-member men's team, while Manika Batra, Sreeja Akula and Archana Kamath will be squad members in the women's category.

The "Alternate Player" in each section would be G. Sathiyar and Ayihika Mukherjee. In the men's singles, Kamal and Desai will compete, while Batra and Akula in the women's event. The selection of the squads and the individuals were as per the already pronounced TTFI criteria.



## Gemini Live, gen AI tool among new launches at Google's annual conference

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

At its annual developer conference held on Tuesday, Google I/O 2024, the US tech giant unveiled a wide range of advancements across its products and services. These included significant updates to the Gemini AI platform, exciting new features for Android and Workspace applications, and much more.

### Gemini Live

The company introduced Gemini Live, a voice AI agent, and Project Astra, a prototype AI assistant that responds to video input. Gemini Live, expected to launch in the next few months, expands Gemini's capabilities, letting users have in-depth conversations using their voice. Google also showed a video where its AI agent, Project Astra, could identify objects in camera feeds and understand code on computer screens, among other tasks.

### AI generates images, videos and music

Google unveiled AI-powered generation tools for images, videos, and music named Imagen 3, Veo, and Music AI Sandbox, respectively. Imagen 3, a text-to-image generation model, was introduced by the company. Google claims that in side-by-side comparisons with other image generators, Imagen 3 is preferred. Users can sign up to try Imagen 3 on Labs. For generative video, Google announced Veo, which can create video content from text and video prompts. The system includes an experimental Video Effects tool. Google stated that some of the Veo features will be available to select creators on Labs. The company reported that it has collaborated with YouTube to develop a music generator called Music AI Sandbox. It claims the tool has been designed and tested with artists.

### Bringing AI to Android devices

Google announced that its AI technology will be integrated into Android devices through a new, compact model called Gemini Nano. This will enable Pixel phones to have multi-modal AI capabilities later this year. Essentially, your phone will be able to understand the world through text, visuals, and audio inputs, similar to how humans do. Gemini Nano processes information locally on the device, addressing privacy concerns and minimising latency (delays) experienced with remote servers. It can even function without an internet connection.

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

ChatGPT, a chatbot developed by OpenAI and launched in late 2022, has spurred competition among tech giants to develop similar chatbots to stay competitive in the market. Since its launch, the chatbot has garnered significant attention and, within days, achieved record download numbers. This success spurred other companies, particularly Google, to develop similar chatbots to remain competitive in the market. As a result, over the past two years, many tech giants have introduced their own chatbot models or generative AI offerings. For example, Microsoft created Copilot, while Google introduced its own model—Bard. The company has now announced the launch of its newest model, GPT-4o, which is bundled with a range of advanced features. OpenAI also has a desktop version of ChatGPT. The best part of GPT-4o is that it is free for consumers. Here's a quick look:

### WHAT IS GPT-4O AND WHAT IS NEW ABOUT IT?

GPT-4o, where 'o' standing for omni, is said to provide superior intelligence and much faster responses. Unlike its previous version, which was limited to accepting text or responding



## OPENAI LAUNCHES ADVANCED AI MODEL AND DESKTOP CHATGPT APP

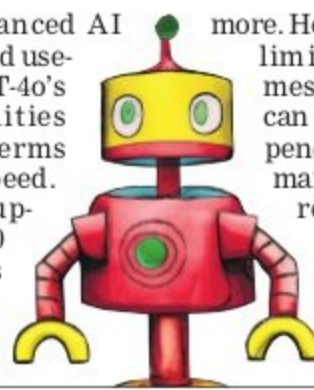
with only text, GPT-4o can do a lot more. According to the, the latest version is a step towards natural human-computer interaction—it accepts as input any combination of text, audio, image, and video, and generates any combination of text, audio, and image outputs. Not only this, the company claims it responds to audio inputs in

as little as 232 milliseconds, with an average of 320 milliseconds, which is similar to human response time in a conversation.

### HOW IS IT BETTER?

According to the company, GPT-4o is especially better at vision and audio understanding compared to existing mod-

els. To make advanced AI more accessible and useful worldwide, GPT-4o's language capabilities are improved in terms of quality and speed. ChatGPT now supports more than 50 languages across sign-up and login, user settings, and



more. However, there will be a limit on the number of messages that free users can send with GPT-4o depending on usage and demand. When the limit is reached, ChatGPT will automatically switch to GPT-3.5 so users can continue their conversations.

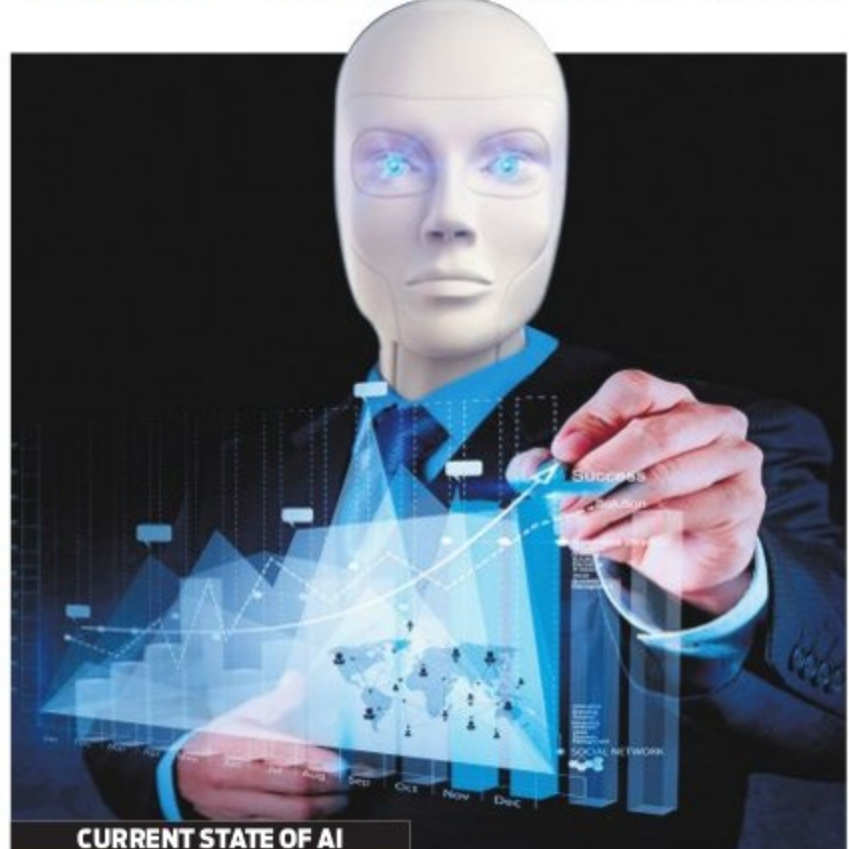
### HOW DOES IT WORK?

GPT-4o is much better than any existing model at understanding and discussing the images you share. According to the company, you can now take a picture of a menu in a different language and talk to GPT-4o to translate it, learn about the food's history and significance, and get recommendations. The company claims that future improvements will allow for more natural, real-time voice conversation and the ability to converse with ChatGPT via real-time video. For example, you could show ChatGPT a live sports game and ask it to explain the rules. Whether you want to brainstorm a new idea for your company, prepare for an interview, or have a topic you would like to discuss, tap the headphone icon in the bottom right corner of the desktop app to start a voice conversation.

### DESKTOP VERSION

For both free and paid users, the company has launched a ChatGPT desktop app, which is currently available only for macOS users. The desktop version is designed to integrate seamlessly into anything that you do on your Mac. With a keyboard shortcut (Option + Space), you can instantly ask ChatGPT a question. You can also take and discuss screenshots directly in the app. The Windows version is expected to be released later this year.

## 86% BUSINESS LEADERS USED AI TO BOOST REVENUE: TCS



59% of corporate functions have AI implementations in-process or have completed AI projects

34% of corporate functions are planning AI implementations

20% of corporate leaders say they are well-positioned to leverage AI to their strategic advantage

- Security and privacy
- Ethical and responsible AI use
- Lack of IT readiness
- Talent development and training
- Cultural shifts

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MOST executives have a positive sentiment toward artificial intelligence (AI), shows a new study conducted by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). According to "TCS AI for Business Study", 54% of executives believe that AI's impact will be greater than or equal to the internet, while 59% believe that its impact will be greater than that of smartphones. Also, 86% of senior business leaders have deployed AI to enhance existing revenue streams or create avenues of income. The study, which is a report on the state of AI adoption and its impact on businesses, also

finds that 69% of businesses are more focused on using AI to spur innovation and increase revenue than on productivity improvement and cost optimisation.

Harrick Vin, chief technology officer at TCS, said: "2023 was a year of exuberance, with every enterprise experimenting with AI/GenAI use cases. We are now entering an era of wide-and-deep enterprise AI adoption. Enterprises, however, are realising that the path to production for AI solutions is not easy, and that building an AI-mature enterprise is a marathon, not a sprint."

Meanwhile, business leaders are less certain about the path to transformation. Only 4% use AI in a way that has transformed their business whereas 24% haven't even moved beyond the initial exploratory phase.

Top barriers to business success, according to the study, include current corporate IT infrastructures and customer expectations. Organisations also recognise the need to move beyond existing metrics to measure the success of AI implementations; nearly three-fourths (72%) say they don't have the right metrics. The survey also highlights the need for businesses to take a strategic approach to AI adoption and develop the right performance indicators to measure the impact of the technology on their business.

Sivaraman Ganesan, head of TCS' AI Cloud business unit, said: "When calibrated for accuracy and harnessed responsibly, GenAI makes the computational power of the data, cloud, and AI come alive. Add in human ingenuity and organisations can create a new paradigm for the modern marketplace. As a result, today's enterprises will deliver new stakeholder and customer value like never before—incrementally, through assist and augment efforts, and exponentially as transformation initiatives."

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ARTIFICIAL intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming the Indian banking sector and there has been an increase in AI-tailored financial products and services to individual needs. In an interaction with TNIE, Manish Sharma, CEO of PureSoftware, and Anil Baid, the company's founder and chief strategy officer, say this technology offers significant advantages, enhancing security, streamlining operations, and personalising customer experiences.

Studies indicate a large section of Indian banks leverage AI chatbots, improving accessibility and convenience. Also, the majority of Indian banks today utilise AI for fraud detection, safeguarding customer information. "The future banking is intelligent, secure and AI driven. Through continued innovation and collaboration, Indian banks have potential to be global leaders in the exciting world of AI-powered finance," Baid said.

PureSoftware was recently acquired by IT firm Happiest Minds. PureSoftware delivers solutions across a diverse range of industries. Among these, the BFSI (banking, financial services, and insurance) sector stands out as a key revenue driver for the company. Its BFSI offering and the flagship product Arttha is empowering banks and financial institutions with cloud-native solutions encompassing digital lending,

## 'THE FUTURE OF INDIAN BANKING IS INTELLIGENT, SECURE, AND DRIVEN BY AI'



payments, and BNPL (buy now, pay later) options. "Arttha integrates outdated legacy systems with modern digital banking solutions, removing barriers to agility and innovation. It prioritises enhancing customer experience by offering intuitive interfaces, omnichannel capabilities, and personalised services, meet-

Emerging technologies such as AI and blockchain will revolutionise banking operations, driving efficiency and enhancing customer service

Anil Baid, CEO of PureSoftware

ing the evolving expectations of digital banking customers," said Sharma.

When asked about innovations happening in the banking sector, Sharma said the financial sector is undergoing a digital revolution, transforming how we manage our money. "AI will become commonplace, with virtual assistants providing 24/7 support, personalised financial advice, and even fraud detection. Open banking protocols will allow you to securely share your financial data with authorized third-party applications, fostering a more competitive and innovative financial landscape. This could lead to a wider range of financial products and services tailored specifically to you," he said. He added that banking will subtly integrate into daily life. "Imagine automatic savings with online purchases or instant financing at the point of sale. Embedded finance will streamline your financial activities."

### Future of banking tech

Baid says a shift towards digital channels is on the anvil, which will prompt the development of intuitive platforms for seamless banking experiences. "Additionally, emerging technologies such as AI and blockchain will revolutionise banking operations, driving efficiency and enhancing customer service. Data-driven insights will also play a crucial role, enabling personalized experiences tailored to individual preferences," he said.

## Motorola's Edge 50 Fusion to make India debut next week

Motorola is set to launch its latest mid-range phone Edge 50 Fusion in India on May 22. Buyers can opt for either 8GB RAM with 128GB storage or 12GB RAM with 256GB storage. The phone has a premium design, featuring a slim profile (7.9mm) and a variety of finishes in Marshmallow Blue (vegan leather), Hot Pink (vegan suede), and Forest Blue (PMMA). It can be bought for a special launch price of ₹20,999. The company hopes the phone's large 6.7-inch curved pOLED display and its smooth refresh rate of 144Hz will provide users with an immersive experience. Under the hood, the phone is powered by Qualcomm Snapdragon 7s Gen 2 chipset. The phone will run on Android 14 operating system. It will get three OS upgrades and four years of security updates. For photography enthusiasts, it offers a 50MP main sensor with OIS and a 13MP ultra-wide lens. On the front, it has a 32MP camera. The phone is equipped with a long-lasting 5,000mAh battery and 68W fast charging.



## Google unveils Android 15 with new privacy, anti-theft features

Google has unveiled its latest mobile operating system Android 15, which focuses on user privacy and security. As per the company, the new OS will have advanced security features allowing users to confidently store sensitive information and precious memories on their devices. A key feature is a suite of advanced theft protection tools designed to safeguard user data in case of theft. It protects users "before, during, or after" a theft, as per the company. Google's new theft detection features will roll out on phones running on Android 10+ via Google Play services updates later this year. Some features, however, will be exclusive to Android 15. Factory Reset Protection makes it significantly harder for thieves to reset stolen devices and resell them. Without the owner's credentials, the device becomes unusable. The company hopes this will reduce incentives to steal the phone. Google hinted that the new OS will have more security features, but specifics are yet to be revealed.



## Oracle embeds gen AI features into its database portfolio

Oracle has announced the general availability of Oracle Database 23ai with AI Vector Search and more than 300 features that focus on simplifying the use of artificial intelligence with data, accelerating app development and running mission-critical workloads. It is also embedding gen AI into MySQL HeatWave with Vector Store to provide RAG capabilities so that users can combine internal data with LLMs to generate more accurate and relevant answers to prompts. Chris Chelliah, senior VP of technology and customer strategy, at Oracle JAPAC, said, gen AI is at the forefront of many conversations and that if one compares the first four years of many recent technologies, it is evident to see that the adoption of gen AI is happening at a faster pace. "AI Vector Search changes the way we think of the business by bringing AI to your data: for instance we can use natural language to query our documentation to find answers to questions customers are asking," said Heli Helskyaho, CEO, Miracle Finland Oy



## Capgemini recognised as leader in AI services by research firm

Capgemini has been recognised as a 'leader' in The Forrester WaveTM: AI services, Q2 2024 report. According to the report, Capgemini excels at change management and at ongoing executive education and coaching, to help clients adopt and run a business on AI. As per the report, Capgemini's innovation strategy stands out by incorporating co-innovation and collaboration with clients along with traditional R&D approaches. "We believe Forrester's recognition of Capgemini as a leader demonstrates that our leadership in AI services is driving clear business outcomes for our clients," said Aiman Ezzat, Chief Executive Officer of Capgemini. "With Generative AI serving as a catalyst and key value driver for companies across industries, we are delivering AI projects through trusted and interoperable solutions that enable clients to achieve tangible results at controlled cost. We are committed to further developing our capabilities and solution," he said.

